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## Bid to save post office supported by council

EFFORTS to save Willenhall's main post office have won the support of the full council.

Campaigners have voiced fears over a potential downgrading of the post office in John Street. But on Monday councillors backed a notice of motion calling for the town's main branch to stay.

It was put forward by Labour councillors Carl Creaney, Gareth Illmann-Walker, Sean Coughlan and Diane Coughlan.

The motion states: "Council wishes to place on record its opposition to the process of privatisation taking place within the Royal Mail and the threat to the 'six day, one price goes anywhere' delivery.

We believe that these proposals will lead to higher prices and a worse service for Walsall residents."

Councillor Sean Coughlan said: "I am pleased that we have got the full support of the council. I hope that the Crown Post Office service will listen to what Walsall councillors are saying."

### Meeting

It is one of 70 Crown Post Office branches, or those run directly by the Post Office, earmarked to be franchised.

Post Office bosses had suggested the post office could be relocated within a nearby shop but residents said no other shops in the area could cope with the volume of customers it attracts.

The regeneration scrutiny panel are to ask a representative of the Post Office to attend a meeting to discuss the proposals.

Elsewhere in the borough, the post office in Bloxwich is extending its opening hours following a refurbishment next month.

The branch will need to close for almost two weeks during the redesign programme which is anticipated to get under way on October 14.

The new-look post office in Market Place will open for an extra nine hours a week when it re-opens again on October 25 at 1pm.

# DECISION IS DUE ON 160 HOMES

**MORE than 160 homes are poised to be built under regeneration plans which are set to transform Willenhall and Darlaston**

Three sites have been earmarked for residential developments with a mixture of houses and flats being proposed for two parcels of land in Willenhall and another in Darlaston.

The schemes are being recommended to get the final go-ahead from Walsall Council chiefs today (Thursday).

Former industrial buildings will be demolished in St Anne's Road to make way for 55 properties. The estate includes a combination of two bedroom flats and two to six bedroom houses.

The vacant industrial premises in Willenhall are in a poor state of repair and some have already been partly demolished.

There have been two letters of objection raising concerns about it being an industrial area, the road being in poor repair and traffic calming necessary due to traffic volumes, congestion and parking.

### Improve

Those in support say it would improve derelict land.

In a report to councillors, head of planning David Elsworth, says: "The proposed redevelopment for residential purposes will enhance the appearance of the site."

More than 60 homes are lined up for a former manufacturing site in Darlaston.

A mixture of 55 houses and 12 apartments will be created on the old Jebron Works site in Bright Street to bring the largely vacant land back into use. The business, which was involved in the manufacturing of doors, went into administration in December 2010 with the loss of 65 jobs.

### Report by Craig Hughes

Walsall-based Chamberlin & Hill bought the assets of the 85-year-old Jebron Ltd for £162,000.

One letter has been received from the Dudley & Walsall Mental Health Partnership NHS Trust, who run the Kingshill Centre in School Street, raising concerns that staff may not be able to park.

But members of the planning committee are being recommended to grant permission saying it would have no impact on nearby households.

Mr Elsworth said: "The loss of the existing buildings would represent an improvement to current amenity levels with residential properties improving the overall environment in terms of noise and disturbance."

Planning bosses are also poised to agree to work on 39 properties in a scheme to transform a former scrap metal yard.

Homes have been approved in principle for the Monmore Recycling site in Noose Lane.

Since then a specialist consultant has been on site to assess the need to deal with contamination. This would require work on the site over a three month period. Councillors are being recommended to agree to changes to the plan conditions to allow work to be carried out.

## £2m makeover at supermarket



Morrisons employee Tina Scriven and deputy store manager Chris Lashford at the revamped store's green grocery

A SUPERMARKET which was built on the site of the former Walsall Football Club ground has undergone a £2 million revamp.

The Morrisons branch in Walsall has undergone a refurbishment which includes improved bakery and butcher facilities.

The store dates back more than 20 years having been built on the old Saddlers ground at Wallows Lane.

Bosses say the work had been carried out without the need to close the store.

As part of the investment, Morrisons has revamped the inside of the super-

market to reflect its focus on traditional skills. This includes installing a dough table at the front of the bakery so customers can see staff making bread along with a butchers' counter so customers can watch staff at work on tasks such as sausage making.

### Flower

The new-look store also boasts the latest in misting technology to keep fruit and vegetables fresher for longer along with a new flower shop and pizza counter.

It has taken about four months to complete the overall project.

Store general manager Stuart Ruane said: "The transformation is incredible - the new counters look fantastic."

"The whole store feels much brighter and more spacious."

It's really important that we do our bit for the environment and the new systems ensure that the store is more than fit for the future."

The supermarket replaced the old Fellows Park ground when the football club moved to its new stadium at Bescot Crescent.

## £1m plan to revamp Gala Baths for future

WALSALL'S Gala Baths could receive a makeover worth up to £1 million to create a modern leisure complex, amid fears it is outdated and could close.

A full cost review of investing in the town centre swimming baths is to be carried out by Walsall Council after it was backed by members of the full council on Monday.

A 2,000-signature petition was collected by campaigners who fear the baths in Tower Street, which has two swimming pools and fitness gyms and studios, may be closed down.

Councillor Pete Smith, of Blakenal ward, put forward a resolution requesting a review. "An investment cost of £1m may ensure another 10 year lease of life given to the this town centre site," he added.

Councillors voted overwhelmingly in favour of the proposal to see the main pool remodelled and popular brine pool maintained.

Walsall Council leader Mike Bird told councillors: "At no time has anybody said that the Gala Baths will close. It is a myth. We are working on a strategy to develop leisure facilities for the next 20 to 30 years."

## Accident on danger road

A GIRL was injured when hit by a car in an accident on a road where parents are calling for a lollipop warden.

The 12-year-old was taken to Manor Hospital following the collision in Park Hall Road, Walsall. Emergency services were called at 3.30pm on Friday and her injuries were not believed to be life-threatening.

More than 500 parents have signed a petition calling for a crossing warden near to Park Hall junior and infant schools.

In a separate incident, a car rolled over and hit two parked cars in Bloxwich Lane, Walsall, at 5.25pm on Friday. The driver and passenger received minor injuries.

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## Student sentenced to seven years over Ben's death



Jailed - Andy Ly

A STUDENT is starting a seven-year custodial sentence for the manslaughter of 16-year-old Ben Morutare - despite denying he delivered the fatal blow.

Andy Ly, aged 18, was handed the seven-year term in a young offenders' institution at Wolverhampton Crown Court. He pleaded guilty to the manslaughter of Walsall teenager Ben.

The youngster died from a single stab wound to the leg after a large and violent fracas involving more than 40 people outside the former Old Comrades Club near Fenton Street in Smethwick on July 27 last year.

Five others, all aged between 18 and 20, were also jailed for their parts in the incident (see below).

Sentencing them, Deputy High Court Judge Sir Geoffrey Grigson told

the group immediate custodial terms were 'necessary' to punish them and to deter others from violence.

He told them: "Your barristers have spoken about your hopes for the future but Ben Morutare and his family have been deprived of his. It's clear from the evidence that the opportunity for violence was both looked for and welcomed."

Ly denied murder but after seven

weeks of his trial he offered a plea of guilty to manslaughter which was accepted by the prosecution. That plea was offered on the basis that he was not the one who delivered the stab wound that led to Ben's death.

The sentences came after a 10-week trial and an investigation that involved trawling through more than 1,000 hours of CCTV footage, interviewing around 1,000 people, and 35 arrests.

## Killers being protected by silence and lies, says judge

THE HUNT is still on to find the person who delivered the fatal stab wound to Walsall teenager Ben Morutare, as six young men start jail terms for their roles in violence leading up to his death.

The six were all sent to young offenders' institutions for being involved in the violence that led to the death of the schoolboy. But the police investigation is not over, with the search still taking place for the person that delivered the single, fatal blow, and for others involved in the violence.

Sentencing all of the defendants on Friday, Deputy High Court Judge Sir Geoffrey Grigson said he thought they knew who was involved. He told them: "Your silence and lies are protecting Ben's killers."

"All of you played a part in serious and violent public disorder which resulted in the death of a 16-year-old boy."

## Disorder

Speaking after sentences were passed, investigating officer Detective Chief Inspector Bob Hazel called for anyone who knew anything about the killing to come forward.

He said: "The judge remarked that all of the defendants knew who inflicted the fatal blow. I'm absolutely convinced that the people we had on trial were involved in the disorder, but there were 300 to 400 people at the club where the incident took place, and at least 40 in the group that attacked Ben."

The youngster, from Holden Crescent, Coalpool, was stabbed in the leg after violence flared outside a birthday party at the former Smethwick Home Guard and Old Comrades Club on July 27 last year.

He and two friends were attacked by a group of at least 40 youths.

Ben, who was just five feet two inches tall, was fatally stabbed while trying to protect his two friends. He was taken to Birmingham Children's Hospital where he died several hours later.

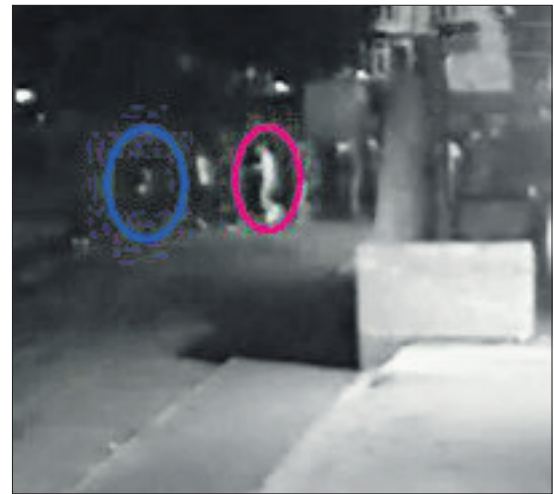
Following sentencing, Detective Inspector Gary Plant from West Midlands Police's Major Investigation Review Team said: "The attack on little Ben was a despicable

crime with a tragic and unnecessary loss of life which sees six men now facing time behind bars.

"Together with his friends and hundreds of other teenagers, Ben attended a birthday party that was advertised via social media. A small minority of people singled him out and attacked him, all because he, and his friends, were not local. Ben was a small boy who, when seen on CCTV alongside his attackers, looks like a small child by com-



Victim - Ben Morutare tried to protect his friends



Ben Morutare, circled left, seconds before he was stabbed, Andy Ly circled right



Dale Reid, of Ladywood



Omar Robinson, aged 19



Jordan Campbell, 18



Tobias Blake, aged 20



Tahj Mills, of West Brom

parison. Even paramedics attending the scene initially believed he was 12 or 13."

Student Andy Ly, 18 from Great Colmore Street, Ladywood, was handed a seven year sentence after his guilty plea to manslaughter. He was also given a three-year sentence for violent disorder, to run concurrently.

Tahj Mills, 19 from Waterside Street in West Bromwich, and 20-year-old Tobias Blake, from Kelsall Croft, Ladywood, were each given three-and-a-half years after

being convicted of violent disorder. Blake was also found guilty of possession of an offensive weapon but was handed no separate punishment for the offence.

Omar Robinson, 19 from Rann Close, Ladywood, and 18-year-old Halesowen Town footballer Dale Reid, from Rodney Close, Ladywood, have been jailed for 28 months each for guilty pleas to violent disorder. Jordan Campbell, 18 from Portland Road, Edgbaston, has been handed 18

months for his part in the incident after being found guilty of violent disorder.

Ly and Robinson were originally on trial for Ben's murder but seven weeks into the proceedings their guilty pleas to other offences were accepted.

Ly's manslaughter plea was offered on the basis that he was not the one who stabbed Ben in the leg, but that instead he was with a group of people knowing that one of their number had a knife which they might use.

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## Critic hits out at car park cost

MORE than £30,000 has been spent resurfacing a council car park while the cash-strapped authority has managed to make £100 million of savings.

The work at the front of Walsall Council House has been branded a 'waste of money' by an Independent councillor.

Resurfacing was carried out on the car park, which has 15 spaces including two for disabled people, over the summer. It has now emerged the bill was £32,000.

Independent councillor Paul Bott said the cash could have been better spent. He pays to use council car parks in the town centre rather than the spaces outside the town hall in Lichfield Street.

"Needing to save £100m, the council has got to look at everything and £32,000 for the car park at the frontage of the council house is a waste of money," he said. "If they are spending that amount of money on that car park why don't they open it up to the public on a Saturday or Sunday?"

Council leader Mike Bird said improvements were being carried out to the listed building including the car park used by visitors and councillors who pay a fee.

The council allocated more than £550,000 this year on Walsall Civic Centre along with £700,000 investment in the council house and town hall.

"People walk across that car park thinking it is a right of way. The car park was in a dangerous condition," he said.

"The law is quite clear, if it is a listed building it has to be kept to a certain standard."

## Murder charge man in custody

A HUSBAND accused of murdering his wife will enter a plea in December.

Jasvir Ram Ginday has been charged with the murder of Varkha Rani, 32, whose body was found in Victory Lane, Reedswood, on September 13.

The 32-year-old was remanded in custody until December 16 by Wolverhampton Crown Court last week.

## Disco for charity

A CHARITY disco night in aid of Walsall Breast Cancer Support Group is being held at Pelsall Labour Club in Church Road on Monday from 7.30 to 11pm, organised by the Lazy J Line Dance Group. £5 entry.

# Residents to be consulted over road closure

RAIL bosses will meet with residents over plans to close a busy road for three months while a replacement bridge is built. It comes after campaigners called for more consultation to be held.

The bridge, in Broad Lane, Bloxwich, needs to be raised as part of a £30 million scheme to speed up the Chase line between Walsall and Rugeley. There will also be improved signals and platforms.

But more than 200 residents signed a petition to demand a temporary footbridge be provided to minimise disruption for pedestrians and to allay safety fears, along with

early road surfacing work on a side road near the bridge.

Councillors for the area had also called on rail chiefs to hold a consultation exercise in the community for families and businesses to air their views.

Bloxwich West ward representative Councillor Louise Harrison said: "The petition called for more consultation, a temporary footbridge while the work is taking place and that Cresswell Crescent's planned resurfacing is moved forward before the bridge is closed. All of which we have now got."

"Work started on Cresswell Crescent last week, Network Rail have confirmed they will build a footbridge and now they have realised details of the consultation days."

## Library

Events will be held tomorrow (Friday) in Bloxwich Library (from 1 to 6pm) in Elmore Row and on the general issue of electrification on October 4 at Walsall's Council House in Lichfield Street from 11am to 7pm.

Councillor Harrison added: "Residents deserve a full consultation where they can air their views and ask any questions. Three

months is a long time for a road to be closed and it is obvious that residents will have concerns. Many people signed the petition calling for the consultation event and everyone had questions or views on the closure."

"The petition also called for a temporary footbridge so people can access both sides of the station and I'm pleased that Network Rail have also agreed to this."

The temporary footbridge will give access to both platforms for passengers using Bloxwich North station and for pedestrians but will not be available over the Christmas period.

# Borough facing dumped fridge and freezer menace

**WALSALL is the worst borough in the Black Country for fridges and freezers being dumped at beauty spots and in the streets, following a change in rules governing disposal of the appliances.**

In the last two months council chiefs in the Black Country and Staffordshire have reported a sharp rise in fridges and freezers being fly-tipped, with Walsall receiving almost 200 reports.

It is believed that some scrap collectors are collecting fridges from homes and then unloading them on land after removing the metal parts to sell on.

## Foam

It comes after new rules from the Environment Agency came into force which state flammable insulating foam has to be removed before a fridge is taken to a tip.

It means scrapyards will no longer accept whole fridges or freezers.

## Fatal knifing suspect held

A MAN was arrested in connection with the murder of a teenage musician when he walked into Bloxwich police station.

The 19-year-old from Edgbaston was the second person to be arrested following the killing of Joshua Rivera, 18, in Birmingham at the weekend.

An 18-year-old from Northfield handed himself in at Dudley police station following the fatal stabbing outside TCs Nightclub in Selly Oak.

It was the fourth stabbing in Birmingham within a week.

by Deborah Hardiman

Walsall is among the worst affected areas and the council say 117 fridges were found abandoned in July and 176 in August.

One street in the borough saw 26 fridges dumped within four days last month alone prompting a warning to fly-tippers that they will be prosecuted.

Council chiefs revealed in April that fly-tipping cost taxpayers £140,000 in the past year.

Now the borough's environmental crime officers have vowed to bring those responsible to justice and is urging householders to dispose of waste correctly at recycling centres.

In Wolverhampton environmental health officers have reported a significant rise in the number of fridges being dumped at various locations in the city with 70 found dumped last month.

Figures show that between May and August this year the city council's public realm services cleared away a total of 91 fridges at a cost of more than £100 per appliance to the taxpayer.

Forty dumped fridges were reported in Cannock Chase in each of July and August while Lichfield District Council has removed 25 dumped fridges and freezers since the start of last month.

"There were 10 reports in Sandwell and the same number in Stafford, while Dudley Council collected 21.

## Thousands raised by sunny fun runs



Ready at the start of the Walsall 10k and 5k events at the Arboretum are fancy dress wearing Chloe Ball and Charlotte Westwood with members of the Brownhills Slimming Club Leanne Ball, Lorraine Westwood and Isabel Hawkins

HUNDREDS of runners got on their marks to take part in an annual charity run at Walsall Arboretum.

Around 650 people took part in the event on Sunday which had been organised by Walsall Rotary Club.

Crowds of runners signed up for a 10k or 5k run, while others took part in the 3k family walk.

This year's event, which also allowed teams to compete for trophies, pulled in more than £17,000 for Macmillan Cancer Support, Action for Children and Birmingham Children's Hospital.

Everyone who took part received

medals and trophies were handed to those who came in first, second and third. Amongst those running the 5k race was Lorraine Westwood, of Pelsall, who was joined by her 17-year-old daughter Charlotte, who dressed as a wolf, and fellow members of the Slimming World club in Brownhills.

## Inspired

The 50-year-old mother-of-one, of Marpool Drive, said: "Three of us are members of Slimming World in Brownhills and we've lost just over 15 stone in two years. It inspired us to take part in the run. I think we've raised over £150.

"We all regularly run now and we did the Race for Life at the Arboretum this year."

Organiser Christine Cockayne said: "We had more people register online this year. We also did team events in the 5k and 10k runs and there were trophies for the winners. Everyone who took part was given a medal."

"The weather was glorious. It's the nicest weather we've had for the run in years. We're very happy with how it went. We won't know how much has been raised until we collect all the sponsorship money in but it will be more than £17,000."

## NEWS in brief

### Hundreds attend at war memorial

MORE than 500 people flocked to a poignant service to rededicate a First World War memorial.

Comrades of the Staffordshire Regiment were among those who turned out for the special ceremony in Moxley.

The dedication ceremony marked the end of a £45,000 revamp of Moxley War Memorial.

Long-awaited work to refurbish it began in September last year and has seen new plaques installed and improved brickwork, benches and railings put in place.

The ceremony began with a service at nearby All Saints Church before The Last Post was sounded and wreaths were laid at the memorial.

### New yoga studio venture launches

A FORMER secondary school teacher who began yoga classes in the attic of her Walsall home three years ago is opening a studio in Aldridge on Saturday.

Bliss Yoga & Relaxation is being set up after a £20,000 refurbishment and aims to meet growing demand for yoga and Pilates classes. Bliss will employ around 10 teachers. The studio at the front of the shopping precinct will serve Walsall, Streetly and Sutton Coldfield. It is being officially opened by Mayor of Walsall Councillor Mohammed Nazir.

Michelle said: "It's incredible to think that this all started just three years ago with me teaching six people in our attic at home."

### Firearm found by children sent to lab

A GUN found by children in bushes in Walsall has been sent to a specialist laboratory to see if it has any connection to a crime.

The weapon and ammunition was discovered at Chucky Park, off Paddock Lane, and Holtshill Lane last week.

Youngsters discovered the firearm in a plastic bag in a wooded area at 4.40pm on Monday, September 16.

### Rambling in the Derbyshire dales

WALSALL Ramblers will be heading to Millersdale, Derbyshire, for a 10-mile circular walk on Sunday through four dales. Non-members are welcome and should contact the walk leader on 01543 321770.

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## NEWS

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IS ANYONE surprised by this week's TUC report showing that thousands of tenants have slipped into rent arrears after being clobbered with the bedroom tax? I can't think of a more mean-spirited policy than cutting the housing benefit of people whose only crime is to live in the house their local council or housing association gave them. Everyone accepts there is a desperate shortage of family-sized public housing, caused largely by successive governments ripping up border controls and rewarding people for breeding like rabbits. Tenants with smaller families should be encouraged to vacate big houses they no longer need. But the way to do that is by building more one and two-bedroom homes in the area and paying tenants a sweetener of, say, £1,000 to make the move. More carrot, less stick.

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SO EVERYONE was guilty but no-one is to blame. The "serious case review" into the death of four-year-old Daniel Pelka who was murdered by his mother and her partner in Coventry, says some professionals were "too optimistic" in believing Daniel's lying mother. We are told that "critical lessons" must be "translated into action". It all sounds hideously familiar. The beauty of a report like this is that it can be pulled off the shelf and used again, time after time for years to come, simply by changing the name of the dead child. A masterpiece.

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FREE school meals for all under-eights? Part of me rejoices at the prospect of millions of mums no longer having to worry about the next day's sandwiches. The other part of me fears that kids who were quite happy with sarnies will now be tearfully exposed to the latest theories on what constitutes a healthy meal. Anyone for tofu and broccoli surprise, kiddies? It is a curious thing but in the days when every state-school kid was raised on a shilling's worth of braised beef, mashed potatoes and stodge pudding, we were a lot thinner and a hell of a lot fitter than today's little sofa-slugs.

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INCIDENTALLY, when I use the word "mums" I of course mean all homemakers, in a non-gender-specific sort of way. You have to be so careful.

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MY ABIDING memory of school dinners (now renamed "school lunches" by the interfering middle classes) is of salads suddenly appearing on the menu with an accompanying bread roll. On day one, the rolls were dry. A pal and I, both aged 10, solved the problem by pouring salad cream on them. For this spark of initiative we were both whacked on the head by a teacher. Happiest days of our life.

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MONEY and justice do not mix. Thousands of motorists have been sent on speed awareness courses not because they posed any particular danger but because 'safety partnerships' signed contracts with the speed-awareness industry. The latest public-order brainwave is for police to arrest drunks and hand them over to private security companies who will put them in 'drunk tanks' and charge £400 to release them. So, in effect, there is a bounty on the head of every drunk. You see the danger? At worst, there is scope for police corruption, with officers taking backhanders for every person delivered. At best, expect a sudden redefinition of the term 'drunk' to include anyone smelling vaguely of alcohol, in order to keep the drunk tanks in business. And don't expect any sympathy from your fellow citizens. The same harrumpers who believe 32mph ought to be a hanging offence also believe that a quiet pint after work is rampant alcoholism. And they have the vote.

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AND would these drunk tanks, with all the attendant humiliation and publicity, be used for drunk-as-a-skunk politicians, the nobility, their offspring and so on? Or would the ruling elite be quietly taken home to sleep it off? What do you think?

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## Staff seek payouts after lock jobs axed

WORKERS laid off at an historic lock-making firm are seeking compensation from their former bosses.

A total of 24 staff from Willenhall Locks and Keys met union representatives last night.

Unite regional officer Lynne Shakespeare told the workers they could be entitled to compensation over their treatment.

Eric Cooper, who worked at the

firm for 27 years, was at the meeting. He said: "We had no notification about the redundancies. We were just sent home."

## Judge

"Unite has taken our cause on now. It will now go to court and will be up to the judge to decide what happens," he added.

In a shock move a total of 28 staff

were laid off at Willenhall Locks earlier this month. The Stringers Lane company has been based in the town since the late 1950s.

Mr Cooper, 63, from Willenhall, said four members of staff who were laid off had already found other jobs.

He also said no representative from Willenhall Locks was present at the meeting with Unite.

He added: "We are all still really

angry about what has happened. We've been told by Lynne that we'll know more in 12 weeks time about the court action."

"She says we could be entitled to a 30-day payout."

Willenhall Locks going into liquidation was described by Willenhall councillor Sean Coughlan as "another nail in the coffin" for the town's historic lock industry.

## Work on village's roads is 'overdue'

A £700,000 project to resurface and improve a main route through Pelsall is 'long overdue,' a councillor has said.

Roadworks are expected along Wolverhampton Road until spring during work on resurfacing, new kerbs and footways.

It is being carried out in phases and temporary traffic lights and overnight road closures are anticipated during parts of the scheme. They will not be permanently enforced but motorists have been warned of delays.

Pelsall councillor Garry Perry said: "It is one of the biggest road schemes I have known in this village for some time and is long overdue."

"I have no doubt there will be some inconvenience, it is never going to be the right time, but to minimise some of the disruption that may occur some of the work will be done on evenings and weekends."

The phase one footway work began last week and is due to take place until early November.

The carriageway reconstruction work is earmarked to begin in the second week of November.

## Pub is best for charity fundraising

A PUB in Walsall has won the title of most charitable pub in Great Britain.

The Longhorn in Sutton Road, was recognised in the The BT Sport Great British Pub Awards 2013.

The Ember Inns pub had already won the West Midlands and Wales regional title, which allowed it to go forward for the overall prize.

## Karaoke

The awards are organised by industry magazine, the Pubman's Morning Advertiser, and are recognised as the Oscars of the pub world.

Judges were impressed by the variety of charity events at the Longhorn including a bungee jump, karaoke night, quiz night and auction.

Manager Esther Bennett said: "We are delighted to have won the title - it is great recognition for the pub and the staff who work here."

"I am sure that our customers will be thrilled too."

## Pledge to cut waiting times at Manor A&amp;E

HEALTH chiefs have vowed to reduce waiting times after Walsall Manor Hospital failed to hit targets for accident and emergency patients being seen within four hours.

The Manor did not meet the 95 per cent standard set out by national health bosses, leading to fears over how staff will cope in the traditionally busy winter period.

by Deborah Hardiman

Other hospitals in the Black Country and Staffordshire all met the benchmark.

Figures for last month showed the proportion of patients being seen at the A&E department within four hours was 94 per cent.

Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust chief operating officer Jayne Tunstall said: "In August we had a larger number of patients waiting to be discharged each day than we have seen in recent months."

## Partnership

"We have been working closely with social care to ensure that any delays to a patient's journey is minimised, and we have worked in partnership to ensure appropriate resources are deployed to assist with assessments of our patients."

"With winter approaching we continue to develop robust winter plans so that we can ensure a safe service to meet demand during this period, which is traditionally very demanding on both our hospital and community services."

"We are currently running a recruitment campaign that will see additional nurses in post in A&E, which will help towards relieving the pressure of

winter in this area of our service."

Work to improve the A&E service at the Manor is already under way with more than £1 million being ploughed into recruiting extra staff.

Health chiefs are looking to ease the pressure on the unit, which has seen thousands of extra emergency admissions. Up to £700,000 has been earmarked for its refurbishment with additional cubicles, a psychiatric room and an improved nurses' station.

As part of its winter plan bosses are also looking to invest £350,000 to take on 13 more nurses. The expansion proposal will not conflict with the long-term £6m plans to transform the A&E by 2016.

Figures released in the Spring showed emergency admissions at Walsall Manor rose by almost 3,000 in 10 months, compared with the previous year.

The Alexandra Hospital, in Redditch, and Heart of England Trust - which runs Solihull, Heartlands in Birmingham and Good Hope in Sutton Coldfield - also fell short of the 95 per cent target.

## Greggs gets a revamp

BAKERS Greggs has undergone a major remodel of its Quasar Centre shop on Park Street in Walsall, which has been renamed as one of the business' first new-look 'bakery food-on-the-go' outlets.

Raymond Reynolds, retail director for Greggs, said: "We're really pleased to have been able to invest in Walsall. We've listened intently to our customers."

## Digging the new scene



Volunteer Sandra Adams, Kane Fraser, aged 14, and his sister Amber, 12, begin to create a garden at the back of Olio Community Centre, Midland Road, Darlaston

VOLUNTEERS joined forces to transform derelict land into an attractive garden at a community centre. Around 30 people got involved in the work to create the outside space at the Olio hub in Darlaston.

The land at the back of the centre had become overgrown and a dumping ground. The site in Midland Road was cleared of trees, weeds, brambles and household waste earlier in the month.

Volunteers then spent up to 12 hours on a Saturday creating the outdoor area, which includes a herb garden, play area, seating and vegetable patch.

To help the National Express Foundation donated around £900 while support with equipment was received from Darlaston Building Supplies, Hooty's and B&Q.

Chairman of Olio Sandra Adams said: "It looks absolutely fantastic."

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## Husband tried to save his wife, 58

A WOMAN with a long history of mental health problems was found hanged in the garage of her home, an inquest heard.

Kashmir Kaur was discovered by her husband on May 19, 2011 at their address in Dewberry Drive, Walsall.

The hearing in Smethwick was told that he tried to resuscitate her but was unable to save her.

Mrs Kaur, aged 58, had suffered from psychosis for a number of years which was being treated by medication, the inquest was told.

Senior coroner Robin Balmain gave a conclusion of death by hanging in circumstances which were not suspicious.

Mr Balmain said he could not give a conclusion of suicide as it was unclear if Mrs Kaur had intended to kill herself through her actions.

## Ten jobs at 'drive-thru'

TEN new jobs have been created at a McDonald's restaurant after £150,000 improvements were made to its 'drive-thru' lanes in Walsall.

Work was carried out to install an extra lane at the branch at Reedswood Retail Park, Six Towers Road. It is operated on a 24-hour basis with drive-in for late-night customers.

### Investment

Spokesman Stephen Carpenter said: "The new dual lane drive-thru at Reedswood is a significant investment, through which we expect to create up to 10 additional jobs, reduce waiting times, noise and congestion."

Restaurant bosses held talks with Walsall Police five years ago following concerns over anti-social behaviour in the grounds of the site.

## Town pub ban on four people

FOUR people have been banned from all pubs in Brownhills for 12 months since a new pub watch scheme was introduced just over a month ago.

Troublemakers who cause problems in one pub face a blanket ban from all of them.

# Home Secretary listens to community after attacks



Home Secretary Theresa May at the mosque

THE Home Secretary had defiant words for terrorists when she visited the Black Country, declaring: "You will not win."

Theresa May was in the region last week to meet with representatives of three mosques where bombs were planted and the family of an elderly Muslim man who was stabbed to death.

She wore an orange headscarf as a mark of respect and removed her leopard pattern shoes when she went into the Kanzul Iman Central Jamia Mosque in Tipton, where a nail bomb exploded in July but injured no-one as prayers had been delayed.

She was joined by representatives of Wolverhampton Central Mosque, where evidence was

found of an explosion and of the Aisha Mosque and Islamic Centre in Rutter Street, Walsall, where a bomb went off in June, meaning around 150 people were evacuated from their homes in the Caldmore area.

### United

The family of 82-year-old Mohammed Saleem, stabbed to death in Small Heath in April, were also present during the Minister's visit in Tipton.

Mrs May said: "I wanted to hear from the community about these terrible terrorist attacks and the appalling murder of Mohammed Saleem."

"All these incidents have been treated extremely seriously and I hope my visit shows the

seriousness with which the Government treats these incidents. We must ensure terrorists are stopped and prevented from doing what they want, which is to divide communities."

"The community here has come together and was united and shows we stand fully against terrorists. The Government gives a clear message regardless of what ideology is behind terrorists' attacks. We stand against terrorism and we should send a clear message to terrorists - you will not win."

Ukrainian Pavlo Lapshyn, a 25-year-old from Dnipropetrovsk, has been charged with the killing and with the three offences related to the explosions. He will stand trial in January.

# Firm plans for market's move due in the spring

PLANS for a new home for the historic Walsall Market are expected to be put forward in April, as part of £1 million improvements.

A feasibility study into the future of the market pitch, which dates back more than 800 years, is being carried out by a team of experts with the preferred option for stalls to remain at The Bridge. The controversial Source of Ingenuity fountain could make way for a permanent market, which was moved from its position in Digbeth on what was initially only considered to be a temporary basis in 2009.

## Group claw back money lost by bank

A HOUSING group that invested £2 million in a doomed Icelandic bank is just short of receiving all of its money back after clawing back a further £420,000 in the last two years.

Walsall's former Caldmore Area Housing Association, now known as Caldmoreaccord, has recouped £1.8m.

The group, which looks after more than 7,200 homes, four years ago joined forces with other charities that had also invested in the collapsed Kaupthing Singer & Friedlander (KSF) bank in a bid to claw back funds.

At the time of the bank's collapse association bosses said there were sufficient cash reserves in its Royal Bank of Scotland account to keep it running.

But the social landlord, which has offices in Caldmore Green, Caldmore, and King Street, Darlaston, and in Sandwell, has merged operations with Accord Group to secure its future.

The association went back into the black in 2011 after merging operations with Accord to cope with the Icelandic banking crisis. It launched legal action with other charities against the bank.

Kaupthing ran into trouble in 2008 after it invested in European retail groups, racking up debts of more than £3 billion.

Other charities which had invested in the bank included the Cats Protection League.

Caldmoreaccord's chief executive Mike Hew said: "With the interest accrued in the last two years we got £420,000 which has taken us to the £1.8m mark."

The landlord has always maintained it was confident of recouping the money.

It comes after traders on Walsall Market said they believed the footfall could rise by up to 30 per cent once the multi-million pound transformation of the Old Square Shopping Centre is completed.

Primark and Co-op are earmarked to move in following the £21m transformation of the shopping centre at the top end of the town. Work is due to start in the coming months on the major retail revamp.

The borough's regeneration chief, Councillor Adrian Andrew, said: "The opening of the retail development will also coincide with the delivery of a new, permanent home for Walsall Market."

"Feasibility work has already started on this project and a planning application is proposed to be submitted in April 2014."

Independent consultants from GVA and The Retail Group carried out a detailed report on Walsall Market last year.

### Sprawling

In a hard-hitting report, experts found it to be 'poor quality, confusing, sprawling and not a good advert for Walsall'.

Various sites were considered as options for an indoor market.

But The Bridge and Bradford Street area was found to be the best option and would require a cash injection of around £1m to £1.1m to help the market thrive.

It was said additional income could be raised to repay the cost of the investment over a period of 10 to 15 years.

The Source of Ingenuity fountain faces having to moved out to make way for the permanent 100-stall market.

It was the controversial centrepiece of the £2 million transformation of the Civic Square in 2001 but no water has flowed from it for more than five years due to contamination fears.

Council bosses have agreed to plough almost £8m of investment into the stalled Old Square scheme to get it off the ground after it looked like grinding to a halt.

## Designs to bag a new market



Students Krystal Vidal, 27, and Rachael Stanford, 21, with bags they have designed

WALSALL College students with a passion for fashion could see their handmade bags on sale across the globe.

Rachael Stanford and Krystal Vidal have seen their designs turned into prototypes, which could be launched for sale in Japan.

It comes after they were given the opportunity to present their ideas to Dominic Goold, managing director of fashion brand Brady Bags based in Walsall.

The brief given to the students by Mr Goold was to come up with a new business bag aimed at a younger market. Students had one month to work on their designs before six were shortlisted.

The six designers then visited the Brady factory to work with the production team to

further develop their ideas. Miss Stanford's design was selected as the overall winner.

Mr Goold said: "Rachael's bag fits the brief extremely well and it's a simple yet elegant design which combines tweed, canvas and leather, which tell a story about the heritage of the brand."

Miss Stanford, 21 from Walsall, said: "I was very excited when my design was picked and seeing it come off the production line was amazing."

Mr Goold was so impressed with 27-year-old Miss Vidal's design that the company decided to also make a sample of her bag.

Both bags are now being shown to Japanese distributors and Mr Goold will visit Japan later this year to gain feedback.

## NEWS

### in brief

#### Charity concert is tribute to drummer

ROCK band The Charlatans are playing a one-off concert at the Royal Albert Hall in memory of drummer Jon Brookes who died last month.

The band will play the prestigious venue in aid of The Brain Tumour Charity on October 18.

The musician, from Staffordshire, died aged 44, from a brain tumour.

A statement released by the band, first formed in Walsall in the late 1980s, said: "The show will benefit The Brain Tumour Charity, which Jon was involved with during his illness. It's our way of raising money for research into and awareness of a cancer that will unfortunately affect many lives, as it has ours."

More than 200 mourners attended the father-of-three's funeral at Christ Church in Burntwood.

#### Royal guest will open new centre

THE Earl of Wessex will officially open a £4 million health, library and children's complex in Pelsall next month.

Prince Edward will visit Pelsall on October 18 and be taken on a tour of the centre, which is a joint project between Walsall Council and NHS Walsall. It opened to the public earlier this year.

Walsall leisure chief, councillor Anthony Harris, said: "A Royal visit is always exciting and it is great recognition for all those who have seen this project progress from the early stages when it was just an idea into the finished building providing a great array of services for the people of Pelsall."

#### Stamp of approval for a young artist

A YOUNG artist from St Peter's Catholic Primary School in Bloxwich has moved a step nearer becoming one of the designers of Royal Mail's 2013 Christmas stamps.

As part of Christmas stamp design competition, the entry from Emily Wollam, aged 11, was chosen as one of the best entries from thousands in the West Midlands.

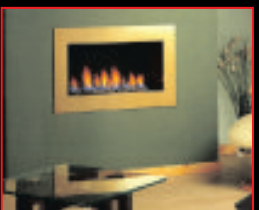
Her work is now on a shortlist of ten designs from the region.

#### Blood donor plea

THE NHS is appealing for volunteers to attend blood donor sessions tomorrow (Friday) at the Aldridge Hall at Anchor Meadow, Aldridge, from 1.30pm to 3.30 and 4.30 to 7.30pm.

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## NEWS FEATURE

## IN MY VIEW

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CANNOCK Chase Council is going to introduce a 'nominal' 10p-an-hour parking charge for certain car parks in Cannock and Rugeley in a bid to boost its ailing town centres.

The council says the lost revenue will cost the authority around £8,000, which represents around 8p for each of the district's 97,500 residents, so it helps bring shoppers back into town, it will represent good value indeed.

But welcome though the move is, one wonders whether it kind of misses the point. The problem with car parking charges is not simply a question of finance, it is a matter of convenience, a matter of the sort of welcome that a town extends to its visitors.

It is the whole idea of councils imposing rules and regulations on the people they are supposed to serve, and dishing out punishments to those they consider to have fallen short.

Even with the new 'nominal' charges, shoppers will still need to fumble around for a 10p piece, they will need to know in advance how long they intend to stay, and they will have to affix a silly little piece of paper to their wind-screens to avoid the watchful eye of the street patrols.

Presumably, if a 90 per cent cut in parking charges costs the council just £8,000, then it would cost just another £888.88 – less than a penny a head – to make parking charges completely free.

In fact, it would probably cost even less, as they would not need to employ anybody to empty the meters, not to mention those wonderful people dressed up like the cast of Dad's Army issuing the tickets.

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FORMER drug addict and mother-of-seven Cleo Embley, was jailed for 22 months after swindling the taxpayer out of £94,000 by claiming benefits she was not entitled to.

In mitigation, her barrister Mark Stuart told the court Embley 'knew she was going to have to pay the money back'.

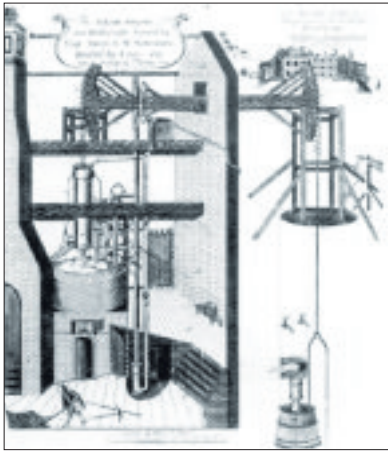
And where was she going to find the money from for that, you might ask. Incredibly, she will continue to receive £237-a-week in Working Families Tax Credit.

So in other words, we will all picking the foreseeable future spend up the tab for repaying the money she stole from us in the first place. Isn't modern Britain just marvellous?

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MORE proof politicians really come from a different planet to the rest of us. Education Secretary Michael Gove says teenagers should give up 'sexting' and instead start posting each other love poems.

He quoted a verse that Napoleon sent to his lover Joséphine de Beauharnais as the sort of thing youngsters might like to send each other: "I hope before long to press you in my arms and shall shower on you a million burning kisses as under the equator." Or "do u want 2 snog 2nite?" as it might appear on a teenager's phone.



An engraving of the engine, with Dudley Castle distant



Father of steam power – Thomas Newcomen



A sign from the Black Country Living Museum

# Engine debate fails to run out of steam

**MARK ANDREWS** outlines the differing views of historians in the region as to where the birthplace of the steam age is – Dudley, or Wolverhampton?

**JOHN Allen and Suhail Rana are agreed on one thing. That the world's first steam engine was built by Thomas Newcomen in the West Midlands.**

But there, it seems, the concord ends. Mr Allen, who has spent half a century researching the subject, is adamant that Dudley is the birthplace of the steam age. Mr Rana is convinced it is Wolverhampton.

To the outsider, it probably seems strange that something so innocuous can get people so steamed up. But a presentation by Mr Rana this summer at Wolverhampton's former Molineux Hotel has seen the temperature rise again.

Until comparatively recently, the consensus has always been that Newcomen's first successful steam engine had been installed somewhere in the shadows of Dudley Castle.

In 1932 T E Lones presented a detailed paper to the Newcomen Society concluding that the Earl of Dudley's Coneegree Park, about three-quarters of a mile west of the castle, was the most likely site. Here, the Earl had a coal works, and it was thought that the engine had been installed to drain water from the mine.

This was briefly challenged in 1948 when historian W O Henderson presented a paper to the Newcomen Society arguing that the so-called Dudley Castle engine may have been preceded by one in Wolverhampton, but the experts in London were not convinced. But now Mr Rana, president of Wolverhampton Civic Society, has reignited the debate, saying he has uncovered fresh evidence that steam power was



**A working replica of the Newcomen steam engine, at the Black Country Living Museum. It is believed the world's first steam engine was built in the region**

first utilised in Wolverhampton. Intriguingly, Mr Rana does not question any of the evidence put forward by John Allen in his comprehensive paper presented to the Newcomen Society in 1965, which makes a compelling argument that the first steam engine was installed at Coneegree. This includes a print by Thomas Barney, headed "The steam engine near Dudley Castle, invented by Capt Savery and Mr Newcomen, erected by ye later. 1712."

Further evidence comes from a contemporary account by Swedish engineer Marten Triefwald, who spent 10 years in Britain from 1716, who said that the

worked £250. I believe he contacted Newcomen to build an engine."

Like Henderson in 1948, part of his argument is based on the writings of J T Desaguliers, a leading member of the Royal Society, who wrote in 1744 "they bargain'd to draw water for Mr Back of Wolverhampton, where, after a great man laborious attempts, they did make the engine work."

Assuming that Bache, who died suddenly in August 1712, and Back are one and the same, it would appear to give weight to Mr Rana's case. Except that this was rejected by the Newcomen Society in 1948.

The difficulty with that is it was written so many years after the event, and the problem with old men is that their memory fades," says Roger Cline, editor of the Newcomen Journal.

But Mr Rana, a 46-year-old computer lecturer at Dudley College, believes that the real breakthrough came with the discovery of a lost diary by a Dr Richard Wilkes, where he wrote in 1736: "Mr Sparrow had fixed a Fire Engine at the End of Wolverhampton next Willenhall, which now began to work.... This Mr Newcomen most happily effected and built the first that ever drew Water, near to the Place where this now stands."

Mr Allen, a former president of the Newcomen Society from Stourton, is unconvinced. The 87-year-old says there is nothing in Mr Rana's evidence that has not already been considered – and rejected. It is also worth pointing out that Coneegree Park was a vast site, straddling the old Dudley and Tipton boundaries, and although it might have only been a matter of yards from the centre of Dudley, the location of the engine itself might well have been within what is now the borough of Sandwell. Like one of Newcomen's ground-breaking steam engines, it looks like this old debate is set to run and run.

## THROUGH THE YEARS

## 1983...

A WOLVERHAMPTON rock band famed for using pyrotechnics in their act were forced to take action after blowing a hole in a stage. Members of The Smokin' Roadie group bought a second hand fire engine to take to gigs after the accident in Chasewater.

HUNDREDS of audiophiles from all over the country descended on Sandwell for the annual British Phonofair exhibition. Old and valuable gramophones, some dating back to the start of the century, were on display at the Teacher's Centre in Oldbury.

A BICYCLE-MAD postman from Wolverhampton was planning to open a museum in his attic after collecting 22 Victorian bone-shakers in just over 18 months. John Bates, of Tettenthal, found most of his collection dumped in hedges or rusting away in gardens.

## 1993...

A VIKING invasion of Walsall took place to mark the start of the town's popular local history fair. But actors from the Longship Trading Company put on displays of family life and traditional crafts rather than looting and pillaging.

A LYE company was set to cash in on a wave of "Bloobymania" after securing a licence from the BBC to produce a range of Mr Blooby gift items. Alpha Marketing produced clocks and lunchboxes based on the character from the popular Noel's House Party programme.

A WALSALL man was named Grabatologist of the Year after amassing a collection of more than 5,000 ties. Tom Holmes of Pelsall was presented with the award by the Guild of British Tie Makers.

## 2003...

WOLVES owner Sir Jack Hayward put the club up for sale – for nothing. The owner prepared to write off his £40 million investment by handing over his 100 per cent stock holding for the promise of future team and club development by his successor.

A WOLVERHAMPTON man was reunited with a daughter he had not seen for 35 years and a granddaughter he had never met in an emotional get-together. Christopher Taylor met up with daughter Tracey Dwyer after she flew over from Australia.

A BLACK Country builder downed his chisel and sander and picked up a nail file after deciding his future was in the beauty business. Steve Woodhouse, from Dudley, worked in the building trade for three years before opening a nail salon in Wolverhampton city centre.

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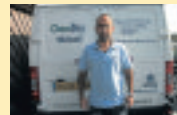
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## LETTERS

# Labour waiting to gain control of borough council 'on rebound'

I FEEL that the letter by Cllrs Oliver and Coughlan published in the Walsall Chronicle (19/9/13) necessitates a response from me.

It is untrue for them to have stated that I stood in the last election as an 'Independent'. Nowhere on any of my many pre-election leaflets or media material, or indeed on the ballot paper, did the word 'Independent' ever appear in association with my candidature. I challenge them to demonstrate otherwise.

The legal reason why the words 'Democratic Labour Party' or 'DLP' appeared on our pre-election material but not on the ballot paper was explained to the 55,000 or so households in the Blakenall ward in our main election address leaflet BEFORE the election took place in May 2012.

It is equally untrue that I attack the Labour Party and Trade Unions but not the Tories or Lib Dems. I am ultra critical of this Tory/Liberal Coalition Government and the sooner they are out of office, the better.

However, I am also critical of the Labour Party nationally and many of the Trade Union leaders (not members) for their failure to give a lead in fighting the cuts more robustly and their failure to put different and attractive policies forward that will encourage working people and their families that there is an alternative worth voting for!

It is also untrue, as stated by Cllrs Oliver and Coughlan that my answer to all of this is to set an 'illegal budget'... these are their words, not mine. Actually I urged the 28 Labour Councillors to at least turn up to the budget meeting in February 2014 (which some failed to do last year) and join me in voting AGAINST any Tory/Liberal budget proposals that involve further cuts to jobs and services. It would not be illegal to do this at the February 2014 meeting.

## Grateful

I am grateful that they have now made it clear in their letter that Walsall Labour councillors will not vote against budget proposals that involve further cuts to jobs and services demonstrating that it therefore makes no difference which political party is running Walsall Council.

What Cllrs Oliver and Coughlan did not state in their letter of 19/9/13 is what the Labour Party's alternative and hopefully superior budget proposals would be. This is because they believe that it is in their political interests to 'sit on their hands' and thus allow the Tory/Liberal cuts budget to be passed in the hope that they can gain control of the council in May 2014 'on the rebound' and henceforth prepare for a Labour Council to take over the reins and plan their further £20m of cuts for each of the subsequent four years!

Finally, the arithmetic of the council's composition is 28 Labour, 24 Conservative, 5 Liberal, 1 Democratic Labour (me) and 2 Independents with a Mayor who might be presumed to use a casting vote, if required, for his own Labour Group.

This means that Labour is in a position to take control of the council NOW and certainly well before the budget decisions have to be made for 2014/15 if they can demonstrate that they, the Labour Group of councillors (the biggest group on the council) will not continue down the path of doing the Coalition Government's 'dirty work' by further destroying local public services and jobs.

If they can do this, they will have my full support to take control of the council whenever they want it.

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## LETTERS to the Editor

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## A magical night of movie music with operatic society

WHEN we went to the Walsall Central Methodist Hall on Saturday night to see the Walsall Operatic Society perform 'Magic of the Movies' we were absolutely delighted.

We could not have imagined that an amateur but dedicated group of performers could produce a show that was so outstanding it should have graced a West End stage.

The choice of music was varied, interesting and sometimes surprising, especially performances from the talented children who tickled us with the 'disappearing family' scene from 'The Sound of Music' and the older boys declaring that 'They ain't got dimes' from South Pacific.

## Talented

All the soloists, too numerous and talented to be mentioned here, were outstanding and the backing group - we must not forget the backing group - performed just like a full blown orchestra, complementing all the singers.

We thoroughly enjoyed our evening of song and would like to thank every one concerned especially Charlotte Fletcher who produced, choreographed, conducted and sang in the show.

Finally, the evening ended with two memorable songs from 'Les Mis'. A fantastic rendering of 'I Dreamed a Dream' was followed by the whole chorus raising the roof and getting us, standing and cheering in our seats, to 'One Day More'. What a night!

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## NEWS

# Injured man left on track after attack

**THIS image shows two men wanted by police after a man was kicked in the head and fell onto railway tracks in a 'nasty' attack.**

The 48-year-old victim from Walsall needed hospital treatment for serious injuries to his face, head and ribs after the incident last month.

Police believe the attackers were Aston Villa fans returning home after the club's home fixture earlier that day when Villa were beaten 2-1 by Newcastle.

Investigating officer Detective Constable Simon Taylor, said: "Shortly after 8.30pm on Saturday, September 14, the victim, who was on the Walsall-bound platform at Aston station, became involved in some banter with two men on the Birmingham-bound platform. It's believed that all three men were Aston Villa fans who were returning home after the club's home fixture earlier in the day.

"For reasons unknown, the banter escalated which resulted in the two men launching a violent assault on the victim, kicking him in the head and raining a number of blows to his body, causing him to fall from the platform onto the railway tracks.

## Luck

"This was a particularly nasty and violent attack which caused the victim to be hospitalised."

DC Taylor added: "It's only a matter of luck that a train wasn't coming into the station before he was helped from the tracks.

"Inquiries are ongoing to trace those responsible, including viewing CCTV footage and speaking to witnesses.



Police want to speak to these men after a 'nasty' attack

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# Trust turn to social media to recruit nurses

A RECRUITMENT drive on social media for up 100 nurses was being launched this week.

Staff at Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust have featured in a series of short films to encourage people to apply.

Health bosses at Walsall Manor want to recruit band five nurse as chiefs seek to reduce the multi-million pound bill for temporary workers.

The staff featuring in the recruitment drive have been involved in short films which will be appearing on [www.caretojoinus.co.uk](http://www.caretojoinus.co.uk) and the Manor's social media platforms.

Kathryn Halford, associate director of nursing for Walsall Healthcare NHS Trust, said: "We have fantastic opportunities for 100 nurses to not only work in a great environment but to also enjoy

excellent development opportunities and a support network unlike any other."

Those featuring in the campaign range from the newly qualified Jake Dale, aged 20, to senior sister Val Ferguson who has been with Walsall Healthcare for 33 years.

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## NEWS

# Cat crisis means hundreds of moggies needing homes



Feline foster parents Susan Tranter and husband Andrew are looking after 15 homeless cats and hand rearing kittens

**A CAT crisis is swamping the RSPCA across the Black Country as the animal charity launches an SOS for help finding homes for thousands of moggies.**

RSPCA branches are desperate for help because of an unprecedented number of cats now in their care.

The crisis has got so bad that some centres in the West Midlands are unable to take in any more moggies at the moment, with several having more than 100 cats waiting for new homes.

The RSPCA's own centres and

private boarding establishments used by the charity currently have around 1,700 cats – but on top of that district branches are trying to find homes for more felines.

They include three three-day-old kittens among a litter of five dumped in a box next to a recycling bank in Cradley Heath – two of which had died. Susan Tranter who is looking after 15 cats at her home in Quarry Bank, including the three survivors, said: "The situation is desperate."

Walsall and district branch is 'full to bursting' with around 40 animals and is unable to take any more.

The Wolverhampton branch is also

under 'huge pressure', Birmingham Animal Centre and Hospital has 78 cats and cannot take in any more until homes are found for the current occupants.

The charity says some owners can no longer afford to keep their cats or pay vet bills, while others are failing to get their cats neutered.

Peter Bolton, animal operations manager for the RSPCA Midlands and North region, said: "Our staff, whether in an RSPCA centre, branch, hospital or a field officer, all say the same – we are dealing with a cat crisis and it is getting worse."

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## NEWS

# 'Greedy' woman jailed after £75k theft from employer

**A WORKER who took almost £75,000 from Carillion has been jailed for 12 months after it was revealed she spent some of the cash on a sports car.**

Clair Marie Smith, 33, from Willenhall, was employed as a temporary worker at the construction firm in Wolverhampton. Miss Joanne Barker, prosecuting, told Wolverhampton Crown Court that the mother-of-one had abused her position by setting up a false account.

Smith, of Grazewood Close, Coppice Farm, was given a role within the firm's purchasing card team and was responsible for ordering cheque books and debit cards for the staff. But over a four-month period, between March and July 2010, Smith defrauded the company of £74,402.62 using a card and cheque book.

### Luxury

"One such book was set up in the false name of Helen Slade using false details given by the defendant. No-one of that name ever worked for that company," said Miss Barker, adding that 16 cheques were used and 29 card purchases made.

Transactions included purchases at department and DIY stores in the Wolverhampton area. The items included £11,775 spent on a sports car which Smith later swapped for an Audi X4 and a caravan worth more than £4,000. Both vehicles were seized after her arrest.

Mr Gurdeep Garcha, defending, said Smith had learned a 'salutary and painful lesson' and asked Judge John Warner to show her mercy, saying that she had a 10-month-old daughter and had been suffering depression.

"Over a four-month period the money was used to buy some luxury items, but not exclusively," he said. "What she did was a lapse of judgment, and aberration. I would ask you to spare her."

Judge Warner sentenced Smith to 12 months in prison. She must serve half the sentence before being released on licence.

"When you found it was relatively easy to take the money you became a bit greedy and took some more to purchase items instead of paying off some of your debts," Judge Warner told her.

## Father runs for hospital



**Carlo Diponio is doing the Great Birmingham Run to raise money for Birmingham Children's Hospital where his son Leonardo is being treated**

A GRATEFUL father is putting on his running shoes to raise money for the hospital that is helping his son's cancer treatment.

Carlo Diponio will run the Birmingham Half Marathon next month and has already been promised more than £1,000 in sponsorship.

The father-of-two, of Glaisdale Grove, Willenhall, was inspired to take on the 13.1-mile challenge after his eight-year-old son Leonardo was diagnosed with leukaemia.

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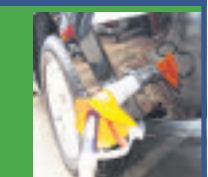


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## NEWS

# Books tribute to teaching assistant



Donation - Ken Hubbard with pupils, back from left, Eve Taylor and Jack Sims and front, Luke Gater and Libby Taylor

## BOOKS have been presented to a school in memory of a popular teaching assistant.

Diane Hubbard helped to teach pupils at Ryders Hayes Primary in Pelsall from 1987 despite suffering from multiple sclerosis.

After she died on May 2, aged 66, the school in Gilpin Crescent made donations to the Multiple Sclerosis Society and also purchased 10 story books for its library in memory of the grandmother.

Now her husband Ken, aged 67, and daughter Elizabeth Parr, 36, both of St John's Road, Pelsall, have returned to the school to present the books at a ceremony.

The books each have a label with Diane's name printed inside.

Mr Hubbard said: "Although she suffered

from MS the condition didn't stop Diane from going up to the school. Come rain or shine if the school was open, she would be there helping the children to read. It wasn't a paid job but she really enjoyed doing it.

"The books have been put in the library for future generations to enjoy and to remember the lady who gave so much of her time to the school. She has left a legacy to the village in more ways than one."

Mrs Hubbard, who used a mobility scooter, successfully campaigned for a pelican crossing to be installed in Norton Road.

She is also survived by daughter Karen, 41, of Wolverhampton, and son Andrew, 39, of Wolverhampton, and grandchildren Jake, Regan and Harry.



Legacy - Diane Hubbard

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## NEWS

## Lilly's in pink over Land Army medal



Lillian Eccleston and the Land Army medal she has been awarded with son John, his wife Jan and Carole Kemp

A GREAT Wyrley resident has been officially recognised for her service as a land girl during the Second World War.

Lillian Eccleston ploughed fields, picked potatoes and brought in the harvest during the dark days of the Second World War. It was seven decades ago but her memories of working on farms in Worcestershire are still strong.

Now, the 88-year-old has been officially recognised after staff at her nursing home learned of her story.

### Celebration

Carol Kemp, activities co-ordinator at The Conifers in Johns Lane, wrote to Prime Minister David Cameron asking that Lillian receive the Women's Land Army medal, an honour introduced in 2008 for surviving veterans.

She said: "When we found out she hadn't got a medal, we decided to do something about it. There was a kind and very quick response, and within the week Lilly's medal arrived. We had a little celebration with some of her family, and she was delighted."

Lillian, nee Hawker, who used to live in Saxon Close and Broadmeadow Lane, Great Wyrley, with her husband and four sons, worked at farms in Astwood Bank, near Redditch, for almost four years. Her son John, 53, of Wellington Drive, Cannock, said the medal was a fitting tribute.

## Man jailed for frenzied attack on two women

A MAN drank two pints of vodka and then attacked a grandmother and her daughter in front of a young child, a court heard.

Jeffrey Ebanks, 47, was described as being in a 'frenzy' when he reigned blows down on Michelle Campbell and her daughter Kirsty at their home in Acacia Avenue, in Yew Tree on the border of Walsall and Sandwell.

Such was Ebanks' rage that when police arrived on the scene he had to be Tasered to subdue him before his arrest in the early hours of March 23.

Ebanks is now starting a two-year jail sentence.

The thug had been invited out by Michelle Campbell after revealing he had relationship trouble. But her offer of help turned into a vicious assault on the mother and daughter.

Wolverhampton Crown Court was told how Ebanks and Michelle Campbell had been drinking.

Mr Hapreet Sandhu, prosecuting, said: "During the course of the late afternoon and early evening the defendant and Michelle Campbell had been drinking vodka. He had drunk the equivalent of two pints."

"Kirsty Campbell (the daughter) came back and found the defendant was

by Adam Thompson

drunk. There was an argument and she eventually went to bed. At 1.10am Kirsty and her four-year-old daughter were awoken by the sound of smashing glass. Outside her room the defendant was punching Michelle Campbell.

"He then attacked Kirsty and pushed her into her bedroom. There he repeatedly punched her to the head in view of her daughter who started to scream."

Ebanks of Hickman Road, Tipton, pleaded guilty to two charges of assault.

Mr Bernard Porter, defending, said: "Mr Ebanks has no previous offences of this type. He has got help from the psychiatric authorities. This is not him at all. He's held a job for a number of years. He had simply consumed too much alcohol."

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## NEWS

# New gallery will dig into the area's mining history



An artist's impression shows how the new mining gallery at the Museum of Cannock Chase could look

**THIS striking image shows how a new mining gallery will look if plans are given the go-ahead.**

The interactive gallery at the Museum of Cannock Chase – Mining Moments – is set to give an insight into the district's history of coal mining.

It is hoped the gallery – due to encompass a 'day in the life of a miner' – will be opened by next Easter, with work set to begin by Christmas.

The gallery, which will be located in the space where the current dated mining gallery now sits, will include a crawl-through tunnel as well as a whole host of interactive multi-media displays and a chance to explore features of the mines. Mining Moments is

being funded by a £97,600 grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund.

County archaeologist for Staffordshire, Stephen Dean, described the project as 'exciting' and said he 'could not imagine a better place' for such a display.

"Cannock has such an illustrious mining heritage, so it's great to see it being commemorated in this way," said Mr Dean.

## Involved

"I can't think of a better place than Cannock Chase Museum to house something like this. This is all part of the area's history and it's very important we understand how people from our past worked."

Local people will be encouraged to

get involved in the project by sharing their memories and other stories from the coal mining era and volunteers will be recruited to help with this research.

An education package will be created too, to ensure people of all ages get the maximum benefit from their experience at the museum.

Cabinet member for culture and sport at Cannock Chase Council, Christine Mitchell, said: "The Mining Memories project is very important to the people in the district, who may have worked or had relatives who have worked in the coal mines."

"The project will ensure that a vital piece of history is available for future generations to learn about the heritage of the district."

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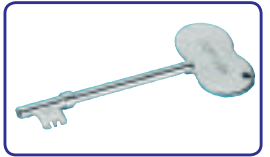
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## NEWS

## Stars club together for charity



Footballer turned pundit Mark Bright, left, with his charity golf team at Calderfields



The Coronation Street team featuring Andrew Whymant, second from left, who plays Kirk TV soap stars, musicians and sportsmen joined fashion designer Luke Roper at his charity golf day held in Walsall.

The star-studded event at Calderfields Golf and Country Club saw the likes of Sam Aston, who plays Chesney Brown on Coronation Street, his fellow Corrie actor Andrew Whymant and former Aston Villa footballer Dion Dublin teeing off for a good cause.

Meanwhile, the guests were entertained by rock band Reverend and The Makers.

Other famous faces at the event included This Is England actor Stephen Graham, former Norwich and West Ham footballer Dean Ashton and Stoke-born former Crystal Palace and Sheffield Wednesday striker Mark Bright.

Guests also included former Arsenal manager George Graham and ex-Leicester and Brentford boss Frank McLintock.

The sporting theme continued with Bath rugby star Matt Banahan, former Worcester Warriors player Shaun Perry and BBC football presenter Manish Bhasin.

The Calderfields Golf and Country Club tournament was held in support of the Fashion and Textile Children's Trust, which helps the children of people who work in the UK fashion and textile industry.

### Invitation

Star designer Mr Roper, 36, originally from Walsall Wood, hosted the invitation-only event at the Aldridge Road course and around 140 took part. The overall individual winner was Ed Cosens from Reverend and The Makers. Awards were presented by European Tour pro golfer Mark Foster.

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## NEWS

## Last resident moves out



## Home alone – the last house on the Moxley estate

THE last resident of an otherwise flattened housing estate is moving out, allowing a multi-million-pound regeneration scheme to go ahead in Moxley.

It is believed that the defiant resident, named locally as Kevin Allen, has moved to Wales.

The Harrowby Road estate in Moxley was mostly demolished some eight years ago, but one house remained in Lodge Road as the owner refused to move out.

It is not known how much the house was eventually sold for but the owner was previously offered £35,000 for the semi-detached property. However, the offer was refused on the grounds it would not be enough to purchase a new home.

## Vacated

It is believed Mr Allen had lived on the estate with his wife, Julie, and their two children. The property has now been vacated, allowing work on 231 homes to push ahead.

The development led by Walsall Housing Group, working with Kier Partnership Homes, is now pressing ahead with preparation work taking place.

The scheme, which will create a mixture of two and three-bedroom houses and apartments, is expected to take 18 months to complete.

The site has been a long-standing eyesore and fly-tipping hotspot, and travellers set up an illegal encampment there last year.

## Payout after cancer care was delayed by mistake

**A WIDOWER has received a payout after his wife died of cervical cancer that was initially mistakenly diagnosed as the menopause.**

Grandmother-of-three Cheryl Humpage, from Pelsall, died aged 55 after the cancer spread, despite undergoing an aggressive course of chemotherapy.

The factory worker first sought medical help complaining of nausea, unusual bleeding and fever in February 2008, but it wasn't until March 2009 that the tumours on her cervix and ovaries were discovered when she was referred to a specialist.

An investigation carried out by medical law experts claimed her GP, Martin Crowther, of St Peter's Surgery in Walsall, missed numerous opportunities to further investigate, diagnose and treat the cancer.

## Insurers

The family have now received an undisclosed payout from the GP's insurers for their loss.

Husband Peter Humpage, 56, of Mill Road, said: "Cheryl was very concerned about her symptoms but thought she was in safe hands."

"She was a great mum and grandmother and very family orientated, we're all absolutely heartbroken that she's no longer with us."

"It's very hard not to be angry about what happened. Cheryl should not have had to suffer like she did and if the cancer had been diagnosed earlier we believe we could have had longer with her. We just hope that what happened to Cheryl acts as a reminder to all GPs about the importance of a quick diagnosis of cervical cancer."

Her symptoms were initially blamed on the menopause and she was prescribed HRT.

Lindsay Tomlinson from Irwin Mitchell's, which represented the family, said it took four visits and more than a year until she was seen by a specialist.

"During our investigations an independent medical expert found Cheryl's GP should have recognised her symptoms as



Cheryl Humpage died at 55

typical of those experienced by cervical cancer sufferers," she said.

"It is not possible to say that Cheryl would still be here now if the cancer had been picked up when she first began showing symptoms but our expert evidence found her pain and suffering would have been greatly reduced and on balance she would have had longer to live with earlier diagnosis and treatment."

"It was incredibly hard for all her family to see her deteriorate so quickly. The settlement awarded reflects that, as well as the family's loss of earnings as Cheryl still worked. However this case was never about the money."

Dr Crowther said: "I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere sympathy to Mrs Humpage's family for their loss. I am sorry for the delay in making a diagnosis."

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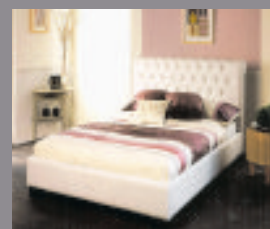
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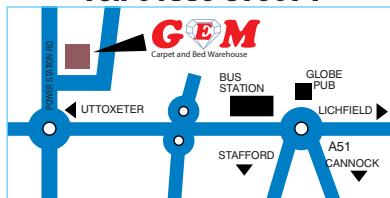
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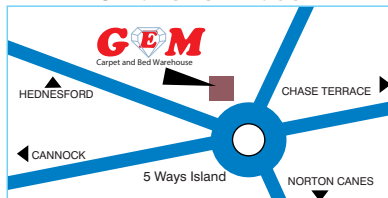
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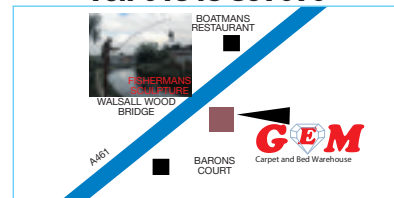
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**CLUB NEWS****Life made easier for the blind****TRYSULL & SEISDON WI**

THERE was no meeting in August but several members enjoyed a Treasure Hunt around Wombourne village followed by a meal.

President Sue Cottrell introduced Peter Moodie to the September meeting. He is from the Beacon Centre for the Blind and told a little of its history. In 1875 Wolverhampton Society for the Blind was formed and in 1926 became Wolverhampton & District Institute for the Blind. In 1963 it moved to its present site near Sedgley, where the new building was built in 2009.

The Beacon Centre has 72 residential apartments with their own kitchens, where people are encouraged to live independently. A day centre offers a wide range of activities such as bowls, pottery, crafts and IT.

There is also a gym and a youth club. Outside activities include ice-skating, meals out and gardening. There is an employment suite to help people find work and the centre offers free advice and the chance to purchase aids to make everyday life a little easier.

After refreshments Clare Preece organised a quiz, won by Jo Johns and Pam Waldren. Rita Brown won the competition for a scented posy.

At the meeting on October 17, at Trysull Village Hall, the ladies will be making card boxes with Anne Bayliss. The competition is a handmade Victorian-style card.

**Guest sets the stage for return to home soil****WORDSLEY 'M' TOWNSWOMEN**

**CHAIRMAN for the day Wendy Lloyd welcomed everyone to the September meeting.**

Federation events, given by Ann Birchell, were of the Harvest Supper on October 9, Music Moments at Norton on October 31, the Carol Service on December 14 and a St George's Day event on April 24 next year.

The lunch club will meet at The Mount Pleasant, Kingswinford on October 7 and the Christmas Meal is booked at the Himley Hotel on December 2.

Wendy introduced Linda Kettle who was to be on 'home territory again' having been born in Rowley Regis. Linda gained an O-Level in craft & theatre set design, attended Foley College at Stourbridge Art College doing 'A' Level art and then Birmingham School of Theatre Design.

Moving on to London

**Linda Kettle has met Julie Walters and Prince Charles**

Linda gained further experience in designing dresses and wigs for stage and TV period dramas, meeting many well-known stars including Sean Connery, when designing part of the set of You Only Live Twice. Others include Prince Charles, Princess Anne, Cliff Richard, Julie Walters, John Cleese and Bruce Forsyth.

Linda worked at Pebble Mill designing and creating many varied and diverse sets

**Linda Kettle has met Julie Walters and Prince Charles**

and back-ground scenery for 30 years. Her work on Pot Black led her to meeting all the snooker stars.

James Herriot's 'All Creatures Great and Small' was one of her favourite involvements. Linda brought along models of some of the sets she had designed also many photographs of the programmes on which her sets were used.

The next Guild meeting is on Monday October 21 with a quiz and bingo.

**Update on shoebox collection****GRANGE 'E' GUILD**

THE monthly meeting of Grange 'E' guild was held at Grange Court, Stourbridge on September 3.

Chairman Hazel Smith presided. After the minutes and reports were given, Marlene O'Hanlon presented the latest list of items that can be included in the shoe boxes for members to fill for charity.

The boxes may be given to

Marlene at the October meeting or at the very latest in November. The completed boxes will then be delivered to a central collection point.

The evening continued with the harvest supper prepared and served by committee members. All members

agreed that the evening had been a huge success and the meal was very enjoyable.

The next meeting will be held at Grange Court on October 1 when the guest speaker will be Ian Bott on 'Lost Mansions'.

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## MEMORY LANE



Looking back – Pelsall Ladies Choir pictured in the 1980s



More trophy success – Pelsall Ladies Choir in the 1970s



Choir director June Davenhill celebrates in concert with Robert Emery, Edward Lee and Amy Hook

# Ladies in fine voice to celebrate half century

IT STARTED off with seven women gathered around a piano in a living room.

Now Pelsall Ladies Choir is celebrating its 50th anniversary – and has more than six times the number of members compared to its humble beginnings.

Musical director June Davenhill helped launch the choir in 1963 and it has gone from strength to strength over the decades.

## Milestone

Members organise regular charity concerts and one was held at St Michael's Church in Pelsall this month, helping to mark the milestone year.

Pianist Robert Emery, who grew up in the village and has since become the musical director for opera-singing star Russell Watson, also asked to take part in the Saturday performance at the church.

by Craig Hughes

It was held in aid of Heart Link, a charity set up at Glenfield Hospital, Leicester, which was instrumental in saving the life of the two-year-old grandson of one of the choir's members.

The singers perform a range of popular and light classical songs and around 200 people gathered for the special anniversary performance.

Mrs Davenhill, a former teacher at St Michael's Primary, said she couldn't believe the choir had been running for 50 years.

They now meet at the school hall in Maple Road on Mondays from 7pm to 9pm during the term. The ages of the members range from in their 20s to 80 years-old.

Mrs Davenhill, aged 77, said: "We started in 1963 with seven members and now we have 42."

"It started because in the same year

the Pelsall Townswomen's Guild was formed.

"Someone must have said at that time the Staffordshire Federation organised music festivals and why don't we think about entering."

"We met at my next door neighbour's house who had a piano."

They won their first competition and since then there have been many more successes.

## Grateful

"It is absolutely amazing, I never would have thought 50 years ago I would still be doing this and I am just grateful I still have the energy," she said.

She said the concert had been well attended and enjoyed, with members grateful to Robert for offering to come along and perform.

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Early days – Pelsall Ladies Choir in 1968 at a rehearsal singing around the piano

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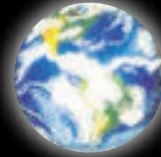
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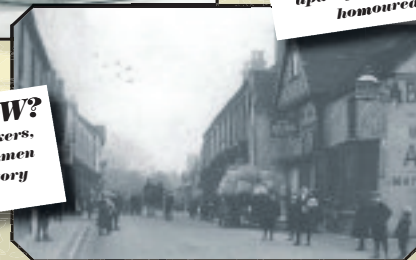
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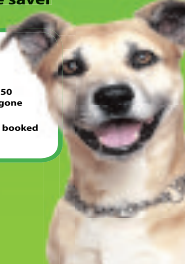
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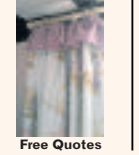
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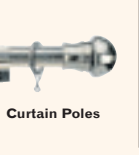
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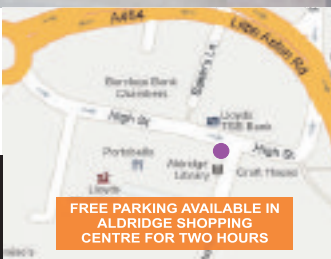
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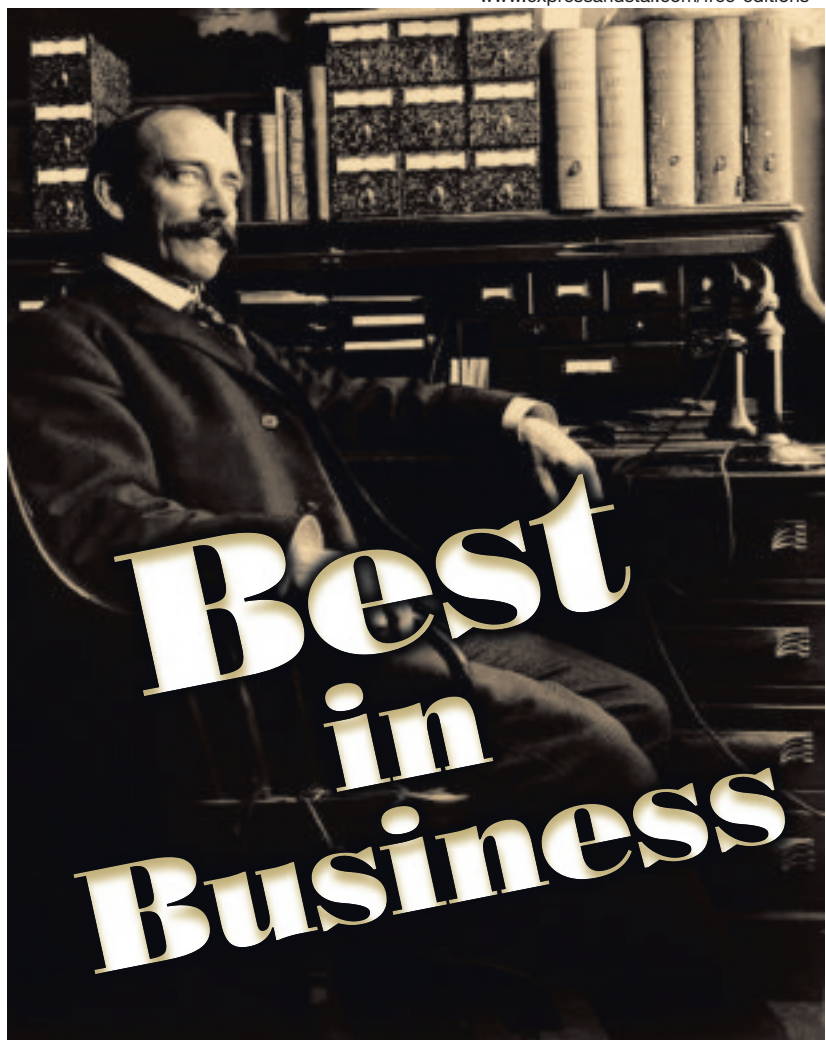
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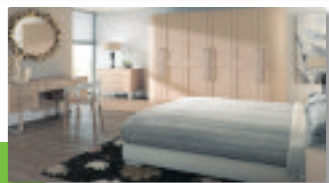



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## Viva Glasvegas at The Slade Rooms

GLASVEGIAN rockers Glasvegas, who made a big noise in 2008 with hit single Daddy's Gone, are returning to Wolverhampton on Friday, October 4, for a gig at The Slade Rooms.

Led by singer and guitarist James Allan, the band are known for his emotional songs rooted in the harsh realities of life.

Recorded in their home city, third studio album *Later...* When The TV Turns To Static, was released earlier this month.

It is guitar-driven and passionately performed, particularly the tracks *Choices* and *I'd Rather Be Dead* (Than Be With You). The nearest to anthems are *If* and album closer *Finished Sympathy*.

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Meanwhile, 1980s favourites *The Primitives* are at The Slade Rooms tonight (Thursday) and legendary 74-year-old drummer Ginger Baker (ex-Cream, PIL) brings his Jazz Confusion to the Wulfrun tomorrow (Friday).

## Caro mum-to-be postpones tour

DUTCH jazz-pop singer Caro Emerald, 32, who had a sold-out concert at the Symphony Hall last week, has announced her spring tour including Birmingham NIA date in March is postponed to October 11, after revealing she is pregnant. Purchased tickets will be valid for the new date.

# Champagne comedy promises to be a Noel Coward corker

## Perfect nine for South's song legacy

NINE-PIECE band The South, featuring two former singers from The Beautiful South, are keeping alive the repertoire from the 20-year career of one of the UK's favourite bands of the 1990s.

After The Beautiful South split in 2007 and main frontman Paul Heaton went solo, fellow founder Dave Hemmingway and Allison Wheeler, who had replaced Jacqui Abbott in 2003, decided to carry on with the help of several stalwarts from the touring band.

### Debut

They will be performing songs from their debut album *Sweet Refrains* plus such Beautiful South favourites as *Rotterdam*, *Don't Marry Her*, *You Keep It All In*, *Perfect Ten* and many others at Bilston's Robin 2 venue at Mount Pleasant on Tuesday, October 1.

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Singers Allison Wheeler and Dave Hemmingway with members of The South, continuing the music of The Beautiful South and coming to Bilston's Robin 2

A REVIVAL of Noel Coward's Champagne-popping comedy *Fallen Angels*, teaming-up stage and screen actresses Jenny Seagrove and Sara Crowe as best friends Julia and Jane, is staged at Wolverhampton's Grand Theatre from Monday to Saturday.

Apart from doing wonders for the sales of Philadelphia cheese, Sara Crowe is probably best known as the first bride in *Four Weddings And A Funeral*. She has gone on to success in West End productions, specialising in Noel Coward plays.

### Lover

Jenny Seagrove is a familiar face as barrister Jo Mills in Judge John Deed but is also a West End regular. She had a starring role in the recent hit revival of Coward's *Volcano*.

Noel Coward's 1925 farce *Fallen Angels* tells of a pair of bored wives who pop open the Champagne when a mutual former lover decides to call but too much liquid courage leads to unexpected results.

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It's liquid courage for Jenny Seagrove and Sara Crowe as Julia and Jane in *Fallen Angels*

Mary Magdalene plus a cameo by Chris Moyle as King Herod, returns a year on from its debut in Birmingham. The Thursday, October 3, spectacular at the NIA will be its final encore.

As The Lion King finally roars off, Birmingham Hippodrome welcomes back its home company when Birmingham Royal Ballet perform a triple bill. *Tombéaux*, *E=mc2* and *Still Life At The Penguin Cafe* will be staged from October 3 to 5, then *Sleeping Beauty* arrives.

## GAME REVIEWS

### Saints and the sinners

Grand Theft Auto V (18, Rockstar)

PEOPLE queued at midnight to get this game and, in a grim case of life imitating Grand Theft Auto, some were even mugged for their copy.

GTA upsets moral guardians, although they probably don't get its dark humour. The series is violent, swear, morally dubious. So is part five and that will please fans.

Does GTA V live up to the hype accorded a 170 million dollar blockbuster? Oh yes. Rockstar have put the money on screen, creating the massive open-world arena of Los Santos, an alternative Los Angeles. The visuals are stunning and the freedom to explore the city, though partly an illusion, is liberating.

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Saints Row IV (18, Volition)

A CRAZY alternative to Grand Theft Auto. The graphics are not perfect but SRIV is a fun spoof of GTA and its clones.

Street gang The Saints have made it to the White House after saving the US from nuclear apocalypse – in an action-packed prologue – and then face an alien invasion. As one of the characters says: "The Saints don't do subtle".

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## What's On!

## SATURDAY'S TV 28.09.13

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## CHOICE



Jack Donnelly

## Atlantis

**BBC1, 8.25pm**  
The Beeb's fantasy adventure replacement for Merlin focuses on a young lad called Jason (played by Misfits and House of Anubis star Jack Donnelly) who, while searching for his missing father, is washed up on the shores of a mysterious land, a place where mythical creatures, soothsaying oracles and palaces seemingly built by giants are commonplace. Although it's a place full of wonder, Jason's new home is also fraught with danger, as he discovers when he's forced to take part in a ritual so dangerous, it could result in death. Mark Addy and Sarah Parish also star.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **10.00** Saturday Kitchen Live. **11.30** Paul Hollywood's Bread. (R) **12.00** Football Focus. **12.45** Saturday Sportsday. **1.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **1.15** Bargain Hunt. (R) **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. (R) **3.00** Live Cycling: Road World Championships. **4.00** Final Score. **5.10** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **5.30** I Love My Country. **6.15** **Pointless Celebrities**. With Colin Baker, Pam Ferris, Martin Jarvis and Matthew Kelly. **7.00** **Strictly Come Dancing**. Bruce Forsyth and Tess Daly host the second of this weekend's live shows, as the remainder of the couples take to the floor. **8.25** **Atlantis**. New series. Fledgling hero Jason goes in search of his father, only to be washed up on the shores of a mysterious land. Fantasy drama, starring Jack Donnelly and Mark Addy. **9.15** **The National Lottery Saturday Night Draws**. Matt Johnson presents as the balls are set rolling. **9.25** **Casualty**. Iain helps a teenager who was caught up in a fatal car crash as he struggles to face up to the truth, while Fletch decides to shoulder the blame for Tess's mistake. **10.15** **BBC News**; Weather. **10.30** **Match of the Day**. Including highlights of Tottenham Hotspur v Chelsea and Swansea City v Arsenal; National Lottery Update. **11.55** **The Football League Show**. Highlights of the latest games in the Football League. **1.10** Weatherview. **1.15** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** This Is BBC Two. **6.30** **Film**: From This Day Forward. (1946) **8.00** **Film**: A Damsel in Distress. (1937) **9.40** Real History of Britain. (R) **10.10** The Life of Birds. (R) **11.00** Fred Dibnah's Industrial Age. (R) **11.30** University Challenge. (R) **12.00** The A to Z of TV Cooking. **12.45** The Hairy Bakers. **1.00** Live MotoGP. **2.05** EastEnders. **4.00** Live Cycling: Road World Championships. **5.15** Flog It! (R) **6.00** **The Wonder of Dogs**. (R) **7.00** **Dad's Army**. The men head off for a weekend at a training camp. (R) **7.30** **Count Arthur Strong**. The former variety star is offered a bit-part in a radio play. (R) **8.00** **The 70s**. Historian Dominic Sandbrook examines the decade, touching on the housing boom, the arrival of thousands of Ugandan refugees and the 1972 miners' strike. (R) **9.00** **Mock the Week**. With Rob Beckett, Ramesh Ranganathan and Josh Widdicombe. (R) **9.30** **The Sarah Millican Slightly Longer Television Programme**. Extended edition, with Quentin Willson, Bradley Walsh and Richard Osman. **10.10** **Dara O Briain - Craic Dealer**. The comedian in performance at Edinburgh Playhouse. **11.10** **Film**: **Wonder Boys**. (2000) A washed-up professor is given the inspiration to finish his latest novel by a student who shows him a new perspective on life. Drama, starring Michael Douglas. **12.55** **Film**: Distant Voices. Still Lives. (1990) **2.15** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. (R) **6.35** Dino Dan. (R) **6.50** Dino Dan. (R) **7.00** Animals. (R) **7.10** Animals. (R) **7.15** Animals. (R) **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. (R) **7.45** Horrid Henry. (R) **8.00** Bottom Knockers Street. **8.15** Bottom Knockers Street. **8.30** Fish Hooks. **8.45** Fish Hooks. **9.00** Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Saturday Cookbook. (R) **10.25** Murder, She Wrote. (R) **11.25** ITV News; Weather. **11.35** Surprise Surprise. (R) **12.35** All Star Family Fortunes. (R) **1.20** Catchphrase. (R) **2.05** Doc Martin. (R) **3.05** The X Factor. (R) **4.05** **Film**: Crocodile Dundee in Los Angeles. (2001) **5.55** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.05** **ITV News**; Weather. **6.20** **You've Been Framed and Famous!** Harry Hill narrates a selection of the best celebrity lookalike clips sent in by viewers, featuring people resembling Tom Cruise, Britney Spears and Prince Harry. (R) **7.20** **Stepping Out**. The final, featuring a performance by Diversity. Last in the series. **8.20** **The X Factor**. The singers who impressed at the double auditions now face a tougher challenge as they gather at Wembley Arena for the first part of boot camp. **9.50** **Through the Keyhole**. Larry Lamb and Emma Bunton join Dave Berry on the panel. **10.50** **ITV News**; Weather. **11.05** **Film**: **10,000 BC**. (2008) Fantasy adventure, starring Steven Strait. **1.00** Jackpot247. **3.00** The Jeremy Kyle Show USA. (R) **3.4** **ITV** Nightscreen.

## CHANNEL 4

**6.15** British F3. **6.40** The Grid. **7.05** The Great North Swim. **8.00** The Morning Line. **9.00** The American Football Show. **10.05** Frasier. (R) **10.35** Everybody Loves Raymond. (R) **11.05** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **11.30** The Big Bang Theory. (R) **12.00** The Simpsons. (R) **12.30** The Secret Millionaire USA. (R) **1.30** Channel 4 Racing. **4.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **4.40** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.10** Come Dine with Me. (R) **5.45** Come Dine with Me. (R) **6.15** **Come Dine with Me**. Jilly Pollock hosts the fifth and final party in Liverpool. (R) **6.40** **Channel 4 News**. **7.00** **Marvel's Agents of SHIELD**. Comic-book drama co-created by Josh Whedon, in which Agent Phil Coulson (Clark Gregg) assembles a group of highly skilled operatives to investigate strange new cases. (R) **8.00** **Grand Designs**. A Marine who was seriously injured in Afghanistan begins a project to build a specially adapted home with a cutting-edge design, on a budget of £250,000. (R) **9.00** **Film**: **The Taking of Pelham 123**. (2009) Criminals hijack a crowded New York subway train and threaten to kill the passengers unless they are paid \$10million. Thriller remake, with Denzel Washington and John Travolta. **11.10** **Film**: **Hitman**. (2007) Action thriller, starring Timothy Olyphant, Dougray Scott and Olga Kurylenko. **1.00** **Film**: **The Informers**. (2008) **2.35** Hollyoaks. (R) **4.45** Hugh's 3 Good Things: Best Bites. **4.55** The Funky Valley Show. Double bill. Clara thinks she has laid an egg. (R) **5.40** **Racing**. The Racing Car. Helix makes an emergency landing. (R) **5.50** **Hana's Helpline**. Francis's grandma comes to visit. (R)

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake! **10.15** Power Rangers: Megaforce. **10.50** Sluggerra. **11.15** Inside Hollywood. **11.20** Animal Maternity. (R) **12.15** Cowboy Builders. (R) **1.15** **Film**: Columbo: Caution - Murder Can Be Hazardous to Your Health. (1991) Crime drama, starring Peter Falk. **3.10** **Film**: The Kentuckian. (1985) Western, starring Burt Lancaster. **5.15** **Film**: The Magnificent Seven. (1960) Western, with Yul Brynner, Steve McQueen, James Coburn and Charles Bronson. **7.45** **Film**: **The Wonderful Country**. (1959) A tough lone gunman returns from exile in Mexico to take on risky work with the Texas Rangers patrolling the border. Western, with Robert Mitchum, Julie London and Pedro Armendariz. **9.40** **5 News Weekend**. **9.45** **Film**: **Point Break**. (1991) An undercover FBI agent infiltrates a California surfing gang to investigate a spate of armed robberies. Kathryn Bigelow's thriller, starring Keanu Reeves and Patrick Swayze. **12.05** **SuperCasino**. Live interactive gaming. **3.55** Michaela's Wild Challenge. Michaela Strachan tries to survive on a desert island. (R) **4.20** **Make It Big**. A visit to a radio station ends badly. (R) **4.50** **Roary the Racing Car**. Disaster strikes at Silver Hatch when Big Chris falls asleep on the job. (R) **5.00** **Angels of Jarm**. (R) **5.05** **Hana's Helpline**. A piglet grows tired of her brother. (R) **5.20** **Angels of Jarm**. (R) **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. Double bill. Clara thinks she has laid an egg. (R) **5.40** **Racing**. The Racing Car. Helix makes an emergency landing. (R) **5.50** **Hana's Helpline**. Francis's grandma comes to visit. (R)

## DIGITAL

**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Robin Hood **7.45** Doctor Who **8.30** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **9.00** **Film**: Pirates of the Caribbean: The Curse of the Black Pearl (2003) **11.15** Family Guy **BBC Four**  
**7.00** Africa **8.00** Lost Kingdoms of Africa **9.00** The Young Montalbano **10.50** What's Going On? The Life and Death of Marvin Gaye **11.50** Charles Bradley: Soul of America **ITV2**  
**3.00** Peter Andre: My Life **4.00** Kings of Leon: The Hot Desk **4.15** You've Been Framed! **5.45** **Film**: Happy Feet (2006) **7.50** **Film**: Evan Almighty (2007) **9.50** The Xtra Factor **10.50** Celebrity Juice **11.40** The Maguland Weekender **ITV3**  
**2.55** **Film**: The Count of Monte Cristo (2002) **4.45** Agatha Christie's Marple **7.00** Foyle's War **9.00** Midsomer Murders **11.00** Wire in the Blood **ITV4**  
**1.25** **Film**: Spartacus (1960) **5.10** British Superbike Championship Highlights **6.10** **Film**: Police Academy 2: Their First Assignment (1985) **8.00** Hornblower **10.20** **Film**: Schindler's List (1993) **E4**  
**4.05** Rules of Engagement **5.00** How I Met Your Mother **6.00** The Big Bang Theory **7.30** How I Met Your Mother **7.30** Suburgatory **8.00** New Girl **9.00** **Film**: Marley and Me (2008) **11.20** The Big Bang Theory **11.50** Rude Tube: Total Falls **Film4**  
**2.50** Von Ryan's Express (1965) **5.15** Meet Dave (2008) **7.05** My Super Ex-Girlfriend (2006) **9.00** Sleeping with the Enemy (1981) Thriller, starring Julia Roberts. **10.55** Alien (1979)

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## What's On!

## SUNDAY'S TV 29.09.13

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## CHOICE



Christopher Reeve

**Superman Channel 5, 6.20pm**  
Richard Donner's 1978 blockbuster was the first A-list superhero epic in history, and is as entertaining today as when it was released. The movie examines Kal-El's origins; how he was rocketed from his dying home world of Krypton, crash-landed on Earth, raised as a normal teenager, and then went to the city of Metropolis to fight for truth, justice and the American way. The fact it can warm the coldest heart, and leave kids perched on the edge of their seat is testament to how good this 35-year-old classic still is. Christopher Reeve stars.

## BBC1

**6.00** Breakfast. **7.30** Match of the Day. **9.00** The Andrew Marr Show. **10.00** Sunday Morning Live. **11.00** Sunday Politics. **12.15** MOTD2 Extra. **1.00** BBC News. **Weather.** **1.15** Bargain Hunt. **(R)** **2.00** Homes Under the Hammer. **(R)** **3.00** Ronnie's Animal Crackers. **(R)** **3.30** Ronnie's Animal Crackers. **(R)** **4.00** Points of View. **4.15** Escape to the Country. **(R)** **5.00** Songs of Praise. **5.35** Britain's Big Wildlife Revival. **6.35** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **7.00** Countryfile. Matt Baker and Ellie Harrison visit the Shropshire town of Ludlow during its annual food and drink festival, and Tom Heap looks at the threat posed by non-native plants and animals. **8.00** Antiques Roadshow. Items at the Royal Agricultural University near Cirencester include a tea caddy used for a budgie's ashes and possibly the last signatures made by Edward VIII before his abdication. Red button viewers can play along by guessing the valuations. **9.00** By Any Means. A girl's body is found in the boot of a car belonging to a well-respected judge, and Helen is convinced the accused has been framed by an ex-policeman with a personal vendetta. **10.00** BBC News; Regional News; Weather. **10.25** Match of the Day 2. Highlights of the latest Premier League matches. **11.25** Film: **New Town Killers.** (2008) Thriller, starring Dougray Scott. **1.00** Weatherview. **1.05** BBC News.

## BBC2

**6.00** Film: **Borderline.** (1950) **7.30** Around the World in 80 Days. **(R)** **8.30** Gardeners' World. **(R)** **9.00** The Beechgrove Garden. **9.30** Saturday Kitchen Best Bites. **11.00** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. **(R)** **11.30** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. **(R)** **12.00** James Martin's Food Map of Britain. **(R)** **12.30** Live MotoGP. **2.15** Live Cycling: Road World Championships. **4.15** Flog It! **(R)** **5.00** Rugby League: Super League Play-Offs. **6.00** Great British Railway Journeys. The role Weymouth played in the D-Day landings. **(R)** **6.30** The Great British Bake Off. The remaining contestants face three tasks involving sweet dough. **(R)** **7.30** The Ginge, the Geordie and the Geek. New series. Comedy sketch show, starring Graeme Rooney, Paul Charton and Kevin O'Loughlin. **8.00** The Crane Gang. High winds lead to jobs being cancelled across the country. **9.00** The Story of the Jews. The Holocaust and the creation of the state of Israel. Last in the series. **10.00** The Wrong Mans. Comedy thriller, starring James Corden and Matthew Baynton. **(R)** **10.30** O.K.L. Extended edition, with Sue Perkins, Ross Noble and David Mitchell. **11.15** Never Mind the Buzzcocks. **(R)** **11.45** Film: **Sus.** (2010) Drama, starring Clint Dyer and Ralph Brown. **1.15** Sign Zone: Countryfile. **(R)** **2.10** Holby City. **(R)** **3.10** This Is BBC Two.

## ITV

**6.00** CITV: Babar and the Adventures of Badou. **6.10** Matt Hatter Chronicles. **(R)** **6.35** Dino Dan. **(R)** **7.00** Animals. **(R)** **7.10** Animals. **(R)** **7.15** Animals. **(R)** **7.25** Sooty. **7.35** Horrid Henry. **(R)** **7.45** Horrid Henry. **(R)** **8.00** Bottom Knockers Street. **8.15** Bottom Knockers Street. **8.30** Fish Hooks. **8.45** Fish Hooks. **9.00** Big Time Rush. **9.25** ITV News. **9.30** Ade in Britain. **(R)** **10.25** Film: **Columbo: Dagger of the Mind.** (1972) **12.25** ITV News; Weather. **12.35** Murder. She Wrote. **(R)** **1.35** The X Factor. **(R)** **3.05** You've Been Framed! **(R)** **3.35** Big Star's Little Star. **(R)** **4.35** Downton Abbey. **(R)** **6.05** Regional Programme; Weather. **6.15** ITV News; Weather. **6.30** Surprise Surprise. A father and daughter are reunited. **7.30** The X Factor. The remaining acts have a final chance to impress Gary Barlow, Nicole Scherzinger, Sharon Osbourne and Louis Walsh before the line-up of the judges' houses round is revealed. **9.00** Downton Abbey. Mary takes an interest in the running of the estate, but meets firm resistance from her father, Lady Rose MacClare finds herself in a predicament at a tea dance in York. **10.05** ITV News; Weather. **10.20** Film: **Larry Crowne.** (2011) Premiere. Comedy drama, starring Tom Hanks and Julia Roberts. **12.10** Premiership Rugby Union. **1.00** The Store. **3.00** British Superbike Championship Highlights. **3.55** Motorsport UK. **4.40** ITV Nightscreen. **5.05** The Jeremy Kyle Show. **(R)**

## CHANNEL 4

**6.35** The American Football Show. **(R)** **7.30** American Football: Hard Knocks. **8.30** Everybody Loves Raymond. **(R)** **9.00** Frasier. **(R)** **9.30** Sunday Brunch. **12.20** The Big Bang Theory. **(R)** **12.50** The Simpsons. **(R)** **1.20** The Simpsons. **(R)** **1.50** Film: **The Net.** (1995) **4.00** Location, Location, Location. **(R)** **5.05** Channel 4 News. **5.25** The Political Slot. **5.30** American Football Live. Minnesota Vikings v Pittsburgh Steelers (Kick-off 6.00pm). **8.00** Kevin McCloud's Man Made Home. Having moved his cabin to the beach, Kevin doubles the floor space with a new sun lounge, puts up a hammock and dives in London's oldest dock in search of junk to recycle. **9.00** Big Fat Quiz of the 90s. Jonathan Ross, Jo Brand, Sue Perkins, Lee Mack, Bob Mortimer and Richard Ayoade demonstrate how much they remember about the 1990s. Jimmy Carr asks the questions. **10.35** Gogglebox. Some of Britain's most opinionated viewers comment on shows from the past seven days, including The X Factor and The Great British Bake Off. Narrated by Caroline Aherne. **(R)** **11.20** Alan Carr: Chatty Man. Alan celebrates the show's 100th episode, with chat and music by Justin Timberlake and Rihanna, and boxer David Haye's thoughts about his upcoming bout with Tyson Fury. **(R)** **12.35** Paddy's TV Guide. **(R)** **1.15** American Football Live. **4.45** British F3. **(R)** **5.10** Brief Encounters of the Sporting Mind: Golf. **(R)** **5.15** Deal or No Deal. **(R)**

## CHANNEL 5

**6.00** Milkshake!: Peppa Pig. **6.05** Roary the Racing Car. **(R)** **6.15** Fifi and the Flowertots. **(R)** **6.25** Bubble Guppies. **(R)** **6.35** The Mr Men Show. **(R)** **6.50** Chloe's Closet. **(R)** **7.00** Roobarb and Custard Too. **(R)** **7.10** Bananas in Pyjamas. **(R)** **7.20** Bert and Ernie's Great Adventures. **(R)** **7.25** Make Way for Noddy. **(R)** **7.40** City of Friends. **(R)** **7.55** Little Princess. **(R)** **8.20** Mio Mao. **(R)** **8.25** Angelina Ballerina. **(R)** **8.45** Rupert Bear. **(R)** **9.00** Ben and Holly's Little Kingdom. **(R)** **9.15** Toby's Travelling Circus. **(R)** **9.25** Roary the Racing Car. **(R)** **9.40** Jelly Jam. **(R)** **10.00** The Mr Men Show. **(R)** **10.15** Power Rangers: Super Samurai. **(R)** **10.50** Slurp. **11.15** Inside Hollywood. **11.20** Police Interceptors. **(R)** **12.20** James Bond: The True Story. **(R)** **12.20** Film: **Vertical Limit.** (2000) **3.40** Film: **Close Encounters of the Third Kind: The Director's Cut.** (1977) **6.20** Film: **Superman.** (1978) Comic-strip adventure, with Christopher Reeve and Margot Kidder. **8.55** 5 News Weekend. **9.00** Film: **Gone in 60 Seconds.** (2000) A veteran car thief is forced to pull off an extremely complex heist to save his brother from the gangster holding him hostage. Thriller, starring Nicolas Cage and Angelina Jolie. **11.25** Film: **Timecop.** (1994) Sci-fi adventure, starring Jean-Claude Van Damme. **1.15** SuperCasino. **3.55** Michaela's Wild Challenge. **(R)** **4.20** Make It Big. **(R)** **4.50** Roary the Racing Car. **(R)** **5.00** Angels of Jarm. **(R)** **5.10** Hana's Helpline. **(R)** **5.20** Angels of Jarm. **(R)** **5.25** The Funky Valley Show. **(R)** **5.40** Roary the Racing Car. **(R)** **5.50** Hana's Helpline. **(R)**

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**BBC Three**  
**7.00** Pop's Greatest Dance Crazes  
**7.10** Great Movie Mistakes IV: May the Fourth Be with You **7.40** Film: Pirates of the Caribbean: Dead Man's Chest (2006) **10.00** Family Guy **10.45** Staying in with Greg & Russell **11.15** American Dad!  
**BBC Four**  
**7.00** Miss Marple **7.50** The Rabbits of Skomer **8.00** Fabric of Britain **9.00** Secret Voices of Hollywood **10.30** Sound of Cinema: The Music That Made the Movies **11.35** Froms on Four: John Wilson's Hollywood Rhapsody  
**ITV2**  
**2.10** Film: The Lost World: Jurassic Park (1997) **4.40** The X Factor **6.10** The Xtra Factor **7.10** Film: Mr Bean's Holiday (2007) **9.00** The Xtra Factor **10.00** Film: Fast & Furious (2009)  
**3.45** Film: The Railway Children (1970) **6.00** Murder, She Wrote **7.00** Lewis **9.00** Film: The Life of David Gale (2003) **11.35** Bomb Girls.  
**ITV3**  
**11.15** Live British Touring Car Championship. The ninth round of the season from Silverstone. **6.00** Goodwood Revival 2013 **7.00** Minder **8.00** Premiership Rugby Union **9.00** Film: Firefox (1982) **11.45** Film: Memphis Belle (1990)  
**E4**  
**4.50** How I Met Your Mother **6.15** Rules of Engagement **6.45** The Big Bang Theory **8.10** Film: The Spy Next Door (2010) **10.00** New Rude Tube **11.00** The Big Bang Theory  
**Film4**  
**2.55** The Straight Story (1999) **5.10** Ice Age (2002) **6.55** Employee of the Month (2006) **9.00** Transporter 3 (2008) **11.05** Black Book (2006)

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## Film Choices

## MONDAY

## Hostel, Channel 5, 11pm

Three backpackers travelling across Europe hear of a Slovakian inn where their every hedonistic desire will be met. However, they discover they have been lured into the clutches of wealthy depraved businessmen who pay for the chance to torture people to death. Horror, starring Jay Hernandez and Eythor Gudjonsson. (2005)

## TUESDAY

## Siege of the Saxons, Channel 4, 1.30pm

King Arthur is betrayed and killed by one of his knights, who has formed an alliance with an invading Saxon horde and intends to seize the throne himself. However, the dead monarch's daughter is rescued by an outlaw, who seeks the aid of Merlin in ensuring the crown passes to her instead of the villainous usurper. Medieval adventure, starring Ronald Lewis. (1963)

## WEDNESDAY

## Judgment Night, BBC1, 11.45pm

Four suburbanites are stranded in Chicago's tough West Side while on their way to a boxing match. They experience a chilling night of terror when they see a gangland murder and must flee for their lives from the killer, who is determined to leave no witnesses. Thriller, starring Emilio Estevez, Stephen Dorff, Cuba Gooding Jr, Jeremy Piven and Denis Leary. (1993)



The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, Friday BBC1, 11.35pm

## THURSDAY

## Magicians, ITV, 10.35pm

A conjuring double act comes to an end after an unfortunate accident with a guillotine. Set on separate careers, the pair become bitter rivals bent on sabotaging each other's performance at any opportunity – until the prospect of winning a prestigious international contest offers the incentive to bury the hatchet and join forces once again. Comedy, with David Mitchell. (2007)

## FRIDAY

## Mickey Blue Eyes, ITV, 10.35pm

A strait-laced Englishman falls for a New York mobster's daughter, who wants to escape her family's criminal connections. However, try as he may, he realises there is virtually no way to avoid being drawn into its members' illegal activities. Romantic comedy, starring Hugh Grant, Jeanne Tripplehorn and Burt Young. (1999)

## The Hand That Rocks the Cradle, BBC1, 11.35pm

A doctor is caught molesting a patient and commits suicide, after which his wife has a miscarriage. She blames his victim for her losses and plans to get revenge, infiltrating the unsuspecting woman's house as a nanny and playing twisted mind games to destroy her life. Thriller, starring Rebecca De Mornay. (1992)

## Pick of the Week

## Legend of the lost city is brought back to life

There are some genres that just fit into Saturday evening's TV schedules perfectly, and being without them seems weird.

Talent shows are a given these days, as are glossy light entertainment programmes. And you certainly can't miss out on a fantasy adventure.

Doctor Who is the granddaddy of them all, but will be off our screens until the 50th anniversary edition, set to be broadcast on November 23rd.

In recent years, the likes of Robin Hood and Merlin have fulfilled the requirement whenever the Time Lord has been off air, but now there's a new show on the block.

It feels as if the Beeb has been showing the trailer for Atlantis every five minutes lately; they've obviously pushed the boat out when it comes to the budget and so are desperate for it to gain a decent audience.

However, what the corporation hasn't done is tell us much about the plot.

What we do know is that it focuses on a young lad called Jason who, while searching for his missing father,

is washed up on the shores of a mysterious land, a place where mythical creatures, soothsaying oracles and palaces seemingly built by giants are commonplace.

Although it's a place full of wonder, Jason's new home is also fraught with danger, as he discovers when he's forced to take part in a ritual so dangerous, it could result in death. Heading the cast is Jack Donnelly, and the series is set to make him a star; he will probably already look familiar to fans of Misfits and House of Anubis thanks to his recurring roles on them.

But here he plays Jason, whose life is about to undergo a dramatic change. He's always been an outsider, but finally finds friendship in Atlantis with Pythagoras and Hercules.

But don't panic, although the name of the Greek mathematician will send shivers down the spine of those who tried to deal with his theories about triangles during school lessons, here he's a youngster with a big heart who's about to have a lot of adventures.

He's played by Robert Emmis, who most recently popped up in Kick-Ass 2.

Also involved in the three-way bromance is Hercules – but he isn't quite as you've seen him before.

Back in the 1990s, Kevin Sorbo played the legendary hero as a muscle-bound hunk. Here he's played by The Full Monty star Mark Addy, and it's clear that the character is no longer in the peak of his prime.

"I am very excited to be invited along on this epic adventure," says the York-born star. "The scripts bring to life ancient myths with such a vibrancy and sense of humour; I knew I wanted to be a part of it."

Also set to feature are Sarah Parish and Juliet Stevenson; the BBC's controller of drama commissioning, Ben Stephenson, is certainly impressed by the calibre of those involved.

He says: "The fantastic cast announced for Atlantis is testament to the ambition and scale of Howard Overman's scripts. Some of the UK's best-loved actors are joining our newest talent to take the BBC1 audience to a rich and wonderful world where any adventure is possible."



Jack Donnelly stars in Atlantis, Saturday, BBC1, 8.25pm

## Best of the Rest

## MONDAY

## Gadget Man

## Channel 4, 8.30pm

For us technophobes, Richard Ayode is nothing short of a godsend. Trying not to think about the fact that this comedy genius will shortly no longer be on our screens in The IT crowd (sob, sniff), the way he talks us through the idiots' guide to the newest of technology and gadgets is something of a lifesaver. This week, Richard's looking at DIY, something of which he's definitely not a fan. He's testing out the latest safety tools, building machinery and lawnmowers, all of which promise to take the strain and pain out of home decorating. Richard also sets himself a personal challenge; to make over a room in his house using robots and gadgets, thus not having to lift a finger himself.

## Broadmoor: The Inside Story

## Channel 5, 9pm

Thinking about the type of people it has caged is enough to make you shudder, but Broadmoor is approaching a significant anniversary, having been home to Britain's most notorious killers for 150 years. This two-part documentary explores the history of the world's most famous and feared hospital; from the Victorian era to the present day. This first instalment takes a look at Broadmoor as it is today. Surrounded by barbed wire and high-level security, the facility is home to some of country's most deranged and dangerous minds. In 1863, Broadmoor Criminal Lunatic Asylum opened, as the law declared it immoral to blame the insane for crimes and send them to the gallows...

## TUESDAY

## The Stephen Lawrence Unity Concert

## BBC1, 10.35pm

This year marked the 20th anniversary of the murder of teenager Stephen Lawrence, but the repercussions of the shocking crime are still being felt. On Sunday, September 29, his life and legacy are being celebrated with a special concert at the O2 Arena – and some of the biggest names in British music are taking part. It's an impressively eclectic line-up, featuring Ellie Goulding, Rita Ora, Beverley Knight, Emeli Sande, Fizzkie Kicks, Labrinth, Plan B, Jessie J, Tinie Tempah, Rudimental, Soul II Soul and Ed Sheeran. There's even a bit of jazz for the grown-ups, courtesy of Jamie Cullum. If you couldn't make it to the concert, the BBC are bringing us some of the highlights.

## WEDNESDAY

## Grand Designs

## Channel 4, 9pm

Flying instructor Colin Mackinnon and his partner, hovercraft instructor and trapeze artist Marta Briongos, love their airfield so much, they have decided to live there too. Their plan is to build an extraordinary metal sculptural home next to the runway, designed by one of Scotland's most acclaimed architects. It's inspired by aircraft hangars, but bespoke metal homes are far from the norm in Scotland, and finding people to do the work is anything but easy. The violent rain,

snow, 100-mile-an-hour winds and the worst storms for a century don't help matters, so little wonder the year-long project starts dragging – into its third year. Colin and Marta do everything possible to see their unique project through to the end. But will Kevin like the result?

## Science Britannica

## BBC2, 9pm

It's the last in the present series of Science Britannica, but we shouldn't get too downhearted – no doubt a new Professor Brian Cox show will be along in a week or two. The reason he's become so ubiquitous is because he's very good at explaining difficult ideas in a way that makes it easy for non-experts to comprehend, without making us feel like we're being talked down to. However, this week he's tackling an issue that most of us should understand – happy accidents. It seems that some of Britain's most impressive breakthroughs were made when the scientists were actually trying to discover something else.

## THURSDAY

## Mayhem &amp; Mishaps: Britain Caught on Camera

## BBC1, 9pm

Forget all those complaints about Health and Safety



The Stephen Lawrence Unity Concert, Tuesday, BBC1, 10.35

getting out of control – this documentary could just convince you that you need to get an expert in to risk assess your house. Mark 'Chappers' Chapman takes a break from Match of the Day 2 to look at some of the calamities that could befall us as we go about our everyday lives. Admittedly, some of them look quite funny when they are happening to someone else, as we're treated to a whole host of CCTV and home video clips of people falling over. But others are no clearly laughing matter, as Chapman examines the consequences of DIY accidents, barbecue fires and exploding white goods.

## FRIDAY

## Marvel's Agents of SHIELD

## Channel 4, 8pm

It's been a long time since Marvel created a hit, live action TV show. However, when Avengers Assemble struck box office gold last year, the time was finally right to exploit one of Marvel's most enduring organisations, S.H.I.E.L.D. (Strategic Homeland Intervention Enforcement and Logistics Division). If you missed last week's pilot, Agent Phil Coulson (Clark Gregg) is back from the dead. He forms a specialised team of individuals to brave the post-Battle of New York world. They include combat and espionage specialist Grant Ward (Brett Dalton), expert pilot and martial artist Melinda May (Ming-Na Wen), and free-spirited computer hacker Skye (Chloe Bennet). This week, Coulson and the agents travel to Peru to investigate an object of unknown origin, codenamed 0-8-4.

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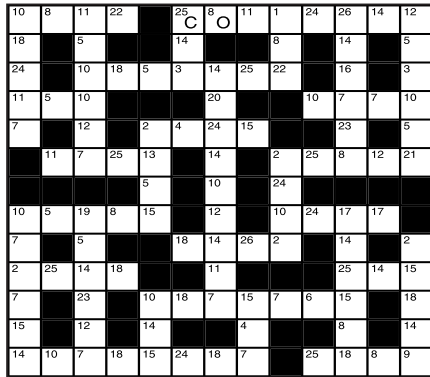
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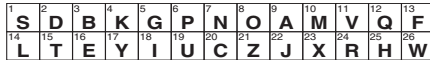
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## Codeword

Each number in the grid represents a different letter of the alphabet and every letter of the alphabet is used. Use the given letter(s) to the right of the main grid to start you off.



LAST WEEK'S SOLUTION:



## Double Crossword

Choose either quick or cryptic clues - both fit the same grid.

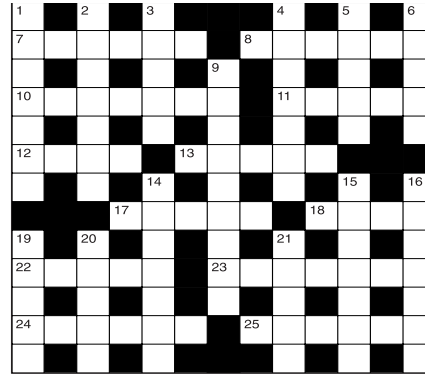
## Cryptic Clues:

## Across

7. A line used in malaria treatment (6)
8. Make a choice in this election (6)
10. In my view, a vegetable with very good stuffing (7)
11. A step in the making of dough (5)
12. Give out when it's time to come back (4)
13. An unlicensed receiver (5)
17. Leaves with all debts settled (5)
18. Fairy required, some experience necessary (4)
22. If all plants were this, there would be no great variety (5)
23. Reputation for enjoying poor health? (3-4)
24. He knew where to draw the line (6)
25. High jinks with a saucy flavour? (6)

## Down

1. Role man has created as a social worker (7)
2. Tract of the brave New World (7)
3. Odd trio holds a proportion (5)
4. A particular deference (7)
5. Maybe the present state of a nervous person (5)
6. To come up before her is not the same (5)
9. Centaur in doubtful form (9)
14. Ruffian out to provide popular entertainment (3,4)
15. Slackened and became loose in a rush (7)
16. Grant permission to break silence (7)
19. Did little after I'd made the running (5)
20. Give birth to a plot (5)
21. Amphibious cart? (5)
25. Venerate (6)



## Quick Clues:

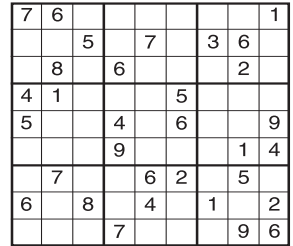
## Across

7. Skilled (6)
8. Acme (6)
10. Felling (7)
11. Clear (5)
12. Rational (4)
13. Sham (5)
17. Avidity (5)
18. Couple (4)
22. Object (5)
23. Decisive (7)
24. Outcome (6)
25. Venerate (6)

## Down

1. Opposite (7)
2. Nominate (7)
3. Exhaust (5)
4. Fervent (7)
5. Nip (5)
6. Obscurity (5)
9. Guiltlessness (9)
14. Squirm (7)
15. Sailor (7)
16. Small truck (7)
19. Narrative (5)
20. Foremost (5)
21. Odd (5)

## Sudoku



Fill in the grid below so that every column, every row and each of the 3x3 boxes contains all the digits from 1 to 9.

## LAST WEEK'S SOLUTIONS &gt;

6	3	5	7	1	2	4	9	8
4	7	9	5	6	8	1	2	3
1	8	2	3	4	9	6	7	5
2	1	3	8	9	4	7	5	6
8	6	4	2	5	7	9	3	1
9	5	7	6	3	1	2	8	4
5	2	1	9	8	6	3	4	7
7	4	6	1	2	3	5	6	9
3	9	6	4	7	5	8	1	2

LAST WEEK'S CROSSWORD SOLUTIONS:  
CRYPTIC - Across: 1 Wince; 4 Eyewash; 8 Aground; 9 Ether; 10 Drew; 11 Organist; 13 Arum; 14 Loft; 16 Uprooted; 17 Ache; 20 Nadi; 21 Spiders; 22 Wreaths; 23 Eaten. Down: 1 What do you know; 2 Nurse; 3 Ebu; 4 Endure; 5 Elevator; 6 Atheist; 7 Horatio Nelson; 12 Autocrat; 13 Abridge; 15 Census; 18 Chest; 19 Hive. QUICK - Across: 1 Egret; 4 Beneath; 8 Banquet; 9 Repeat; 10 Lees; 11 Pleasure; 13 Reel; 14 Lone; 16 Habitual; 17 Sore; 20 Erupt; 21 Coronet; 22 Toddler; 23 Error. Down: 1 Embellishment; 2 Range; 3 Tour; 4 Battle; 5 Narrator; 6 Ampoule; 7 Heltter-skelter; 12 Teetotal; 13 Rebound; 15 Lancer; 18 Owner; 19 Urge.



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## Property

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There is an entrance porch, entrance hall, extended lounge, dining room, kitchen, shower room and garage. On the first floor, three bedrooms and family bathroom.

There is ample off road parking and a garage. A well maintained enclosed rear garden has a patio area and landscaped garden.

The lounge has double glazed bay window to the front, radiator, coving to the ceiling and marble effect hearth housing a living flame gas fire. Living/dining room has sliding patio double glazed doors to the rear.

Kitchen has a range of wall-mounted cupboards and base units, wine rack, work surfaces incorporating a Belfast sink, integrated electric oven and gas hob, integrated fridge, and plumbing for washing machine.



Dixons Estate Agent is selling this modern house

A MODERN two bed mid terrace property in Oakridge Drive, Cheslyn Hay is being sold through Dixons Estate Agents for £120,000.

An entrance hall lead to lounge and kitchen. Upstairs are two double bedrooms and refitted bathroom.

The house has double glazing, off-road parking for two cars and a rear garden. It has gated access to side, giving access to front via alleyway.

The kitchen is 9ft 5in by 7ft 10in and has range of wall and base units, roll top work surfaces over and space for appliances. The lounge is 16ft by 11ft 6in with French windows to rear and stairs to first floor.

Upstairs the landing has access to the loft. The smaller bedroom has range of fitted wardrobes with sliding mirrored doors.

Bathroom has a white suite comprising panelled bath with shower over, wash hand basin, low level WC and a shower area.

## Estate agents offers 'unbeatable commission'

LEADING Wolverhampton estate agents DB Roberts has launched what it says is an unbeatable commission offer to attract more homes onto their books to meet increased demand.

Announcing the new 0.75 per cent no-sale, no-charge commission package, sales director Jo Culley said the company believed the property market has turned.

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**LOT 1**

**GUIDE PRICE £120,000-£140,000**

**221 LITTLEWORTH ROAD, HEDNESFORD**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Substantial detached house
- ◆ Standing on a good sized plot ideal for owner occupation, conversion or redevelopment (subject to planning permission)
- ◆ EPC rating 31

**LOT 2**

**4 LOVE LANE, RUGELEY**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Inner terraced house
- ◆ Requiring some repair and improvement
- ◆ Gas central heating (not tested)
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating 44

**LOT 3**

**5 LOVE LANE, RUGELEY**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Inner terraced house
- ◆ Requiring some repair and improvement
- ◆ Gas central heating (not tested)
- ◆ Part double glazed
- ◆ EPC rating 46

**LOT 4**

**6 LOVE LANE, RUGELEY**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ End terraced house
- ◆ Requiring repair and refurbishment
- ◆ Gas central heating
- ◆ Some double glazing
- ◆ EPC rating 43

**LOT 5**

**GUIDE PRICE \$55,000**

**42 HANDLEY STREET, WEDNESBURY**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ End terraced house
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ In need of comprehensive renovation
- ◆ EPC rating 16

**LOT 6**

**GUIDE PRICE \$60,000-\$65,000**

**40 HANDLEY STREET, WEDNESBURY**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Mid terraced house
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ In need of comprehensive renovation
- ◆ EPC rating 12

**LOT 7**

**GUIDE PRICE \$30,000-\$40,000**

**64 BLOXWICH ROAD, WALSALL**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Inner terraced house with renovation works commenced but requiring completion
- ◆ EPC rating 8

**LOT 8**

**GUIDE PRICE \$85,000**

**THE RIDINGS, BURNWOOD**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Traditional semi detached house
- ◆ Located in popular residential area
- ◆ Requiring complete renovation
- ◆ EPC rating 25

**LOT 9**

**GUIDE PRICE \$60,000**

**36 TEWKESBURY ROAD, MOSSLEY ESTATE, BLOXWICH**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ End terraced house
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Ideal buy to let
- ◆ EPC rating 60

**LOT 10**

**GUIDE PRICE \$80,000-\$90,000**

**42 NAPIER ROAD, BEECHDALE, WALSALL**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Four bedroom semi detached house
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Well maintained
- ◆ Ideal buy to let
- ◆ EPC rating 68

**LOT 11**

**GUIDE PRICE \$50,000-\$55,000**

**109 WALSALL ROAD, NORTON CANES**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Semi detached house
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ In need of comprehensive renovation
- ◆ EPC rating 6

**LOT 12**

**GUIDE PRICE \$60,000**

**60 CANNOCK WOOD STREET, HAZEL SLADE**

**LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ First Floor Flat
- ◆ One Bedroom
- ◆ Economy 7 electric heating
- ◆ Ideal buy to let
- ◆ EPC rating 69

**LOT 13**

**GUIDE PRICE \$70,000-\$75,000**

**14 DEAL AVENUE, BURNWOOD**

**LEASEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Ground floor flat
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Gas fired central heating
- ◆ Fully double glazed
- ◆ Garage in court
- ◆ Ideal buy to let
- ◆ EPC rating 69

**LOT 14**

**GUIDE PRICE \$100,000-\$110,000**

**41 COPPERKINS ROAD, HEDNESFORD**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Link detached house
- ◆ Two bedrooms
- ◆ Predominantly double glazed
- ◆ Corner plot gardens
- ◆ In need of comprehensive refurbishment

**LOT 15**

**LAND ADJOINING 49 BENTONS LANE, GREAT WYRLEY**

**GUIDE PRICE \$70,000-\$80,000**

**FREEHOLD WITH VACANT POSSESSION**

- ◆ Individual residential building plot with benefit of full planning permission for erection of single residential dwelling



# Property



The lounge features French doors to the rear garden and a dining area



The spacious garden backs onto open fields, providing far-reaching views

## Modernised semi with open fields to the rear

WITH fields to the rear, this modernised semi-detached house in Wednesfield is on the market based on offers in the region of £150,000.

The property in Lyndale Drive, Lyndale Park, has a lounge, adjoining dining room, refitted kitchen, three bedrooms, refitted bathroom, large frontage, rear gardens, off road parking and garage to rear.

On the ground floor the lounge, 13ft 5in by 11ft 5in, has patio doors to the rear patio area and archway to a dining room which is 8ft 5in by 7ft 8in, while the kitchen - 10ft 8in by 7ft 7in - has a range of wall and base units, roll top work surfaces, integrated fridge, freezer and washing machine, wine cooler and gas hob with double oven and extractor.

### Greenhouse

On the first floor are three bedrooms and a family bathroom with panelled bath with shower and screen, wash basin in vanity unit and WC.

Outside to the front is ample off road parking, lawned area, trees, plants and shrubs with to the rear a paved patio area, lawn, trees, plants, shrubs, greenhouse with parking space for caravan/boat etc and garage. Call Connells on 01902 710170.



This semi-detached house in Lyndale Drive is on the market for offers in the region of £150,000

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### PROPERTY AUCTION 1st October 2013



#### 56 BICKFORD ROAD, FALLINGS PARK, WOLVERHAMPTON

Deceptively spacious three bedroomed Semi. Lovely Lounge, big Kitchen.

Bathroom pleasant, easy to maintain grounds. EPC 48.

Guide: \$69,000 / \$74,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY

& SATURDAY, 27th & 28th

SEPTEMBER @ 11.00 a.m.



#### 22 BECKMINSTER ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Ripe for Renovation and with great potential. Three Beds, Two Reception, Kitchen and Bathroom areas, generous Garden. EPC 1.

Guide: \$70,000 / \$75,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th

SEPTEMBER @ 9.15 a.m.



#### 14 LIME STREET, PENN FIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON

Clean and well presented, newly installed Gas CH. Two Reception, Kitchen, smart white Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, EPC 66.

Guide: \$44,000 / \$48,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th

SEPTEMBER @ 10.15 a.m.



#### 2A THORNCROFT LANE, WOLVERHAMPTON

Investment Property, good location. Modern Three Bed Semi with through Lounge, Kitchen, Gas CH, garden and garage.

Current income \$5,520 pa. EPC 54.

Guide: \$73,000 / \$78,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th

SEPTEMBER @ 11.45 a.m.



#### 97 MYATT AVENUE, PARKFIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON

Generously proportioned and in a good location with open outlook to rear.

Large Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom. Outside: Two Stores & W.C., lovely Garden. EPC 51.

Guide: \$90,000 / \$100,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY &

SATURDAY, 27th & 28th

SEPTEMBER @ 10.30 a.m.



#### 73 THE LINDENS, NEWBRIDGE, WOLVERHAMPTON

Spacious Two Bed Second Floor Apartment with outlook across open green

Pleasant Lounge, fitted Kitchen, Bathroom, Garage. EPC 51.

Guide: \$54,000 / \$59,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th

SEPTEMBER @ 12.45 p.m.



#### HEATH LANE, off BALL LANE, COVEN HEATH

4.4 acres (est.) Freehold Land and

Buildings with long frontages to Heath

Lane and the Canal, currently

overgrown but with much potential.

Guide: \$35,000 / \$45,000

VIEWING: BY APPOINTMENT WITH

AUCTIONEERS



#### 19 BURLEIGH ROAD, PENN FIELDS, WOLVERHAMPTON

Mid Terraced with Two Reception, long Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom.

Rear Garden and Garage. EPC 57.

Guide: \$73,000 / \$78,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th

SEPTEMBER @ 9.45 a.m.



#### 637 PARKFIELD ROAD, WOLVERHAMPTON

Well situated Mid Terraced, needing some improvement, Two Receptions, Kitchen, Cellar, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Rear Garden. EPC 41.

Guide: \$58,000 / \$63,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th

SEPTEMBER @ 11.15 a.m.



#### 40 BEECH GREEN, DUDLEY

Well located Freehold Shop Unit in small parade in densely populated area. EPC awaited. EPC awaited.

Guide: \$28,000 / \$33,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th

SEPTEMBER @ 12.15 p.m.



#### 41 TEMPLE ROAD, WILLENHALL

Investment - Freehold Mid Terraced. Two Reception, Kitchen, Bathroom, Two Bedrooms, Garden at rear.

EPC 41.

Guide: \$50,000 / \$55,000

VIEWING: SATURDAY 28th

SEPTEMBER @ 11.45 a.m.



#### 10 EMPRESS WAY, DARLASTON

Well presented Two Bedroomed Bungalow. Large Lounge, fitted Kitchen, Garage, lovely part walled Rear Garden. EPC awaited.

Guide: \$72,000 / \$77,000

VIEWING: FRIDAY & SATURDAY, 27th & 28th

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Improved and refurbished three bedroom middle terrace family home having the benefit of gas central heating, no upward chain, new carpets and fresh decoration throughout. This splendid property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, refitted kitchen, refitted bathroom, separate W.C., three bedrooms with dressing area (used previously as a fourth bedroom) and front and rear gardens. Energy rating D.

Charles Street, Walsall



£82,000

A brand new Award Winning Development of superb modern apartments either shared ownership or outright buy having the benefit of double glazing and gas central heating. These lovely properties further comprise reception hall, modern open plan lounge/kitchen with balcony, two double bedrooms, family bathroom with en-suite and parking space. Prices from £82,000. CALL FOR FURTHER DETAILS.

Stafford Road, Bloxwich



£220,000

Very well presented four double bedroom semi detached property. The accommodation benefits, gas central heating and double glazed windows. Comprising: Entrance hall with access to the cellar which, currently used as office, large lounge/dining room, modern kitchen/breakfast room, large L shaped conservatory, four double bedrooms, large bathroom, driveway with parking for several cars. To the rear of the property there is a large garden with a newly constructed two storey building which is currently used as a pub/games room. This fine property must be viewed internally to appreciate the space this home offers. Energy rating E.

Harness Close, Walsall



£159,995

Extended 3 bedroom link detached superb family home. The accommodation with gas central heating and majority double glazing includes, entrance porch, reception hall, spacious lounge, dining room, sitting room, guest W.C., 3 good sized bedrooms, bathroom with shower, lawned garden and driveway providing off road parking for several vehicles, garage with utility room to rear, landscaped rear garden with paved patio area and further secure off road parking behind double gates. Energy rating D.

Somerford Place, Willenhall



£150,000

REDUCED FOR QUICK SALE. Good sized four bedroom end of terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, dining room, sitting room, fitted kitchen, downstairs bathroom (with additional shower cubicle), guest W.C., four good sized bedrooms, upstairs shower room and good size rear garden. Energy rating D.

Minewood Close, Bloxwich



£149,995

SUPERB PROPERTY THAT MUST BE VIEWED. NO UPWARD CHAIN. An extended and much improved three bedroom property in a Cul De Sac in a sought after location. This ideal family home benefits from UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and fitted intruder alarm. Whilst briefly comprising, porch, reception hall, through lounge and refitted kitchen, guest W.C., 3 double bedrooms, large family bathroom with additional shower cubicle, front and rear gardens, garage with extra parking at the side. Energy rating D.

Willows Road, Walsall



£139,995

A good sized, three bedroom, traditional semi detached family home having the benefit of majority UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This lovely property further comprises, porch, reception hall, spacious through lounge, conservatory, fitted kitchen, laundry room, three bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens and off road parking. Energy rating F.

Water Reed Grove, Bloxwich



£139,995

Recently built by David Wilson Homes this immaculate three bedroom house with a large spacious lounge, guest WC and a kitchen/dining room, three bedrooms, an en suite to the master bedroom and a further separate family bathroom, positioned close to Walsall and its local amenities, this site also boasts road, rail and bus links, with the canal boundary to the west EPC rating B.

Darvel Road, Walsall



£134,995

An extended four bedroom end of terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This lovely property further comprises, porch, reception hall, lounge/diner, fitted kitchen diner, down stairs shower room, four bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, separate W.C., front and rear gardens, off road parking and garage. Energy rating C.

Spring Road, Walsall



£125,000

An improved and upgraded semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. This lovely property further comprises, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, rear lobby, family bathroom with separate W.C., three bedrooms, attic room, communal parking nearby and rear garden with outbuilding (previously gym & office). Energy rating E.

Planetree Road, Walsall



£115,000

A two bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. The property further comprises, porch, reception hall, through lounge/diner, fitted kitchen, side entry with guest W.C., two double bedrooms, family bathroom with Jacuzzi and additional shower cubicle, front and rear gardens and enclosed off road parking. Energy rating E.

Windmill Street, Wednesbury



£99,995

Located within this popular area is this good sized two bedroom mid terrace family home. The accommodation with gas central heating and UPVC double glazing briefly includes, lounge, kitchen and separate spacious dining room. To the first floor the landing has two double bedrooms and a modern bathroom, including shower cubicle and separate bath. Whilst outside the property boasts an enclosed rear garden. Energy rating C.

Anchor Drive, Tipton



£99,995

Located within the heart of Tipton overlooking Dudley Port Bridge and canal is this luxury first floor two bedroom apartment. The property benefits, good sized living room with Juliet balcony, dining/study area, modern fitted kitchen (integrated appliances), bathroom, two bedrooms, en suite shower room, electric heating, entry phone, allocated parking. Energy rating B.

Francis Ward Close, West Bromwich



£99,950

MUST BE SOLD! A spacious three bedroom semi detached house for sale in a very popular area which benefits from no upward chain, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This delightful property further comprises reception hall, guest W.C., lounge, refitted kitchen, three bedrooms, family bathroom, front and rear gardens, detached garage & parking to the rear. Energy rating E.

Station Road, Rushall



£90,000

A well presented and much improved two bedroom middle terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing, gas central heating and no upward chain. This lovely property further comprises, lounge, dining room, fitted kitchen, utility room /W.C., two double bedrooms, family bathroom and rear garden. Energy rating D.

Marsh Street, Walsall



£89,995

Located within the heart of Walsall and offering easy access to bus and train station, is this large two double bedroom second floor apartment. The property has a spacious living area and reception hall, modern fitted kitchen with integrated appliances, shower room. The apartment also benefits from an entry phone, intruder alarm, double glazing, electric central heating and a communal lift within the block. Currently rented out at £499pcm until Jan 2014. Energy rating B.

Elbow Street, Cradley Heath



£69,950

Situated within this attractive development is this spacious two bedroom first floor apartment. The property benefits from a good sized lounge with access to its own balcony, bedroom one with access to the balcony, modern fitted kitchen, white bathroom suite, electric heating, double glazed windows, entry phone, allocated parking and communal gardens. EPC rating of D.

Larches Lane, Wolverhampton



£156,950

A superb improved and refurbished three bedroom middle terrace family home having the benefit of UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This well presented property further comprises, reception hall, dining room, lounge, refitted kitchen with integrated appliances, ground floor refitted bathroom with additional shower cubicle, two first floor double bedrooms with attic being bedroom three, front and rear gardens and enclosed parking to the rear. Energy rating D.

Calstock Road, Willenhall



£134,995

A well presented three bedroom semi detached family home having the benefit of no upward chain, UPVC double glazing and gas central heating. This lovely property further comprises, reception hall, lounge, kitchen diner, three bedrooms, family bathroom with shower, front and rear gardens, off road parking and garage. Energy C.

Butts Road, Walsall



£49,950

MUST BE VIEWED, NO UPWARD CHAIN. Energy rating D 63. Located off Lichfield Street within a quarter of a mile of the Arboretum is this ground floor one bedroom apartment. Set within an old converted school the apartment boasts a living area, luxury fitted kitchen area with integrated appliances, shower room with power shower, double glazing and secure allocated parking.



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- Lounge • Dining Room • Conservatory • Fitted Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Garage • Front & Rear gardens • No Chain

**£164,950**

## PROPERTY OF THE WEEK



**COPPICE FARM  
HILLBURY DRIVE**

- Extended Improved Modern Style Semi Detached
- Lounge & Dining Kitchen • Conservatory • Utility
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom • Energy rating D
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Garage • Driveway • Rear Gardens

**£159,950**

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**WILLENHALL  
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- Delightful extended detached family residence on much sought after road
- Five bedrooms • Generous refitted dining kitchen • Utility & wc
- Lounge & separate dining room • Upvc external d/glazing
- Gas c/heating • Large rear garden • Ample off road parking
- Energy rating 'C'

**£289,995**



**ESSINGTON  
ROWAN DRIVE**

- Well presented modern style detached family home
- Cul-de-sac location in sought after village • Three bedrooms
- Upvc d/glazing • Gas c/heating
- Fitted kitchen with island • Lounge & sitting/dining room
- Enclosed rear garden • Off road parking • Energy rating 'E'

**£195,000**



**OFF SNEYD LANE  
CRAB LANE**

- Stunning Newly Improved Modern Style Link Detached Property
- Popular road • Spacious Lounge Dining Room
- Re-Fitted Kitchen • Conservatory • Energy Rating E
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Garage • Block Paved Driveway • Rear Gardens

**£189,950**



**COPPICE FARM  
COTSWOLD GROVE**

- Improved Extended Semi Detached Property • No Chain
- Lounge & Dining Room • Conservatory • Breakfast Kitchen • Utility
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom • En-Suite
- Driveway • Gardens • Energy Rating TBC
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing

**£164,950**



**WEDNESFIELD  
BROAD LANE SOUTH**

- Traditional style semi detached property on single corner plot
- Much sought after location • Potential to extend/improve (STPP)
- Three bedrooms • Two reception rooms • Upvc d/glazing & gas c/heating
- Gardens to front, rear and side • Detached rear garage
- Energy rating TBC

**£155,000**



**WILLENHALL  
STONEHOUSE AVENUE**

- Modern Style Detached Property • Requires Modernisation
- Popular Cul-De-Sac Location • No Upward Chain
- Lounge • Dining Kitchen • Conservatory
- Three Bedrooms • Shower Room • Energy Rating D
- Garage & Drive • Pleasant Rear Gardens

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**WILLENHALL  
PRINCETHORPE ROAD**

- Pleasantly appointed modern style town house
- Three bedrooms • Bathroom • Energy rating C
- Gas central heating • Double Glazing
- Fitted dining kitchen • Lounge
- Enclosed rear garden • Off road parking

**£134,950**



**WILLENHALL  
MEMORIAL CLOSE**

- Modern Style Semi Detached • Energy rating D
- Two bedrooms • Bathroom
- Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Conservatory
- Double Glazing
- Rear Gardens • Driveway

**£125,000**



**COUNTY BRIDGE  
WORCESTER ROAD**

- Traditional Detached Property • No Chain
- Lounge • Dining Room • Excellent Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom • Energy Rating F
- Garage & Driveway • Quick Completion Required
- Delightful Well Established Rear Gardens

**£120,000**



**WILLENHALL  
MEMORIAL CLOSE**

- Modern Style Semi Detached • Energy rating TBC
- Lounge • Dining Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Driveway • Front & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating System

**£120,000**



**SHORT HEATH  
COLTHAM ROAD**

- Victorian Mid Terrace Property • Energy Rating 'D'
- Popular Location • Lounge • Breakfast Kitchen
- Three Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Enclosed Rear Garden

**£99,995**



**WILLENHALL  
DOUGLAS DAVIS CLOSE**

- Much Improved Ground Floor Flat • Energy rating C
- Spacious Lounge with Dining Area • Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Two Double Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating System
- Double Glazing

**£70,000**



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- Exceptional Semi Detached Residence • No Chain
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- Driveway & Rear Gardens
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing • Energy Rating 'D'

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**£225,000**



**WILLENHALL  
HILL ROAD**

- Extended three bedroom property
- Two Reception rooms • Fitted breakfast kitchen
- Bathroom • Garage & driveway
- Gas CH • Double Glazing
- Energy Rating 'E'

**NOW £105,000**



**WILLENHALL  
HARPER STREET**

- Superb End Town House • Popular Location • No Chain
- Lounge • Fitted Kitchen • Energy Rating 'D'
- Two Double Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing
- Pleasant Rear Gardens • Allocated Parking

**£104,995**



**BENTLEY  
WESTERN AVENUE**

- Well Presented Improved End Town House • NO CHAIN
- Three Good Size Bedrooms • Bathroom
- Spacious Lounge • Dining Room
- Fitted Kitchen • Utility/Bt • Energy Rating D
- Double Glazing • Rear Gardens

**£90,000**



**WILLENHALL  
GOUGH STREET**

- Mid Terrace Property • No Chain
- Spacious Lounge • Re-Fitted Kitchen
- 3 Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Shower Room
- Double Glazing • Energy rating 'F'
- Driveway & Gardens

**£77,000**



**WILLENHALL  
AMPLEFORTH DRIVE**

- Impressive Modern Executive Detached Residence • No Upward Chain
- Large Lounge • Dining Room • Well Appointed Dining Kitchen
- Four Bedrooms • Master with Dressing Area and En-Suite
- Garage & Driveway • Rear Gardens • Energy Rating C
- Gas Central Heating • Double Glazing

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**PORTOBELLO  
WAITE ROAD**

- Extended Improved Traditional Detached
- Three Bedrooms • Re-Fitted Kitchen
- Lounge • Dining Room • Breakfast Kitchen
- Gas CH • Double Glazing • Driveway
- Pleasant Rear Gardens • Energy Rating 'E'

**£146,000**



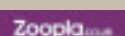
**WILLENHALL  
FIBBERSLEY BANK**

- Modern Semi Detached Property in Cul-de-sac Location
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- Bathroom • Majority Double Glazing
- Gas CH • Double Glazing
- Parking • Energy Rating 'C'

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**Lot 1 Trees Road Walsall**  
**Viewing: 27 Sep & 4 Oct at 1.45pm**  
A traditionally styled part gas centrally heated and double glazed semi detached property situated in a popular residential area. In need of further modernisation the property is set on a corner plot and comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Bathroom, Separate W.C., Lobby, Three Bedrooms, Fore, Side and Rear Garden. EPC Rating C  
**GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £70,000**



**Lot 2 Heathfield Lane West Darlaston**  
**Viewing: 27 Sep & 4 Oct at 2.30pm**  
In need of complete modernisation this traditionally styled semi detached property offers an ideal opportunity for a builder. The accommodation comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Dining Room, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Parking and Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating F  
**GUIDE PRICE £30,000 - £40,000**



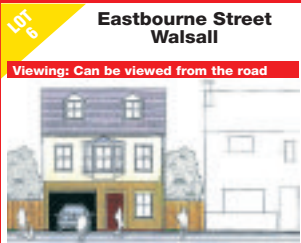
**Lot 3 Butts Road Walsall**  
**Viewing: 27th Sep & 4th Oct at 12.15pm**  
A spacious gas centrally heated first floor flat above shops in this convenient location in need of refurbishment. The property comprises: Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate W.C. EPC Rating D  
**GUIDE PRICE £33,000 - £38,000**



**Lot 4 Lindon View Brownhills**  
**Viewing: 27 Sep & 4 Oct at 10.45am**  
A traditionally constructed end of terrace property in this popular residential location offering good sized living accommodation which requires improvement. Having gas central heating and uPVC double glazing the property includes: Porch, Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Garden. EPC Rating C  
**GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £70,000**



**Lot 5 Persehouse Street Walsall**  
**Viewing: 27 Sep & 4 Oct at 1.15pm**  
Traditionally styled semi detached property situated in a prominent location close to Walsall Town Centre boasting gas fired central and double glazing, making an ideal purchase for a family or investor. Constructed of brick under a pitch tiled roof, the property is set back from the road behind a small fore garden and comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Utility Area, Lobby, Three Bedrooms, Study, Bathroom, Fore & Rear Garden. EPC Rating E  
**GUIDE PRICE £75,000 - £85,000**



**Lot 6 Eastbourne Street Walsall**  
**Viewing: Can be viewed from the road**  
A residential building plot with Outline Planning Permission for a three storey detached dwelling. Application Number 12/0869/FL. The plot is situated in a popular residential area, within a five minute drive of Walsall town centre.  
**GUIDE PRICE £30,000 - £40,000**



**Lot 7A Darlaston Road Wednesbury**  
**Viewing: Strictly through Auctioneer**  
Former church with Planning Permission for demolition and erection of two pairs of semi detached properties and one detached property. Approved Planning Application No 13/0397/LJ dated 21st March. All enquiries regarding the Planning should be made to Walsall Council Planning Department. Prospective purchasers must undertake their own investigations with regard to ground conditions and contamination and fully satisfy themselves as to the suitability of the site for any use they may propose.  
**GUIDE PRICE £100,000 - £120,000**



**Lot 8 Sandringham Avenue Willenhall**  
**Viewing: Strictly through Auctioneer**  
CASH OFFERS ONLY This semi detached family home has been extended at ground floor level and also benefits from a loft conversion and offers well planned spacious accommodation in need of some modernisation, conveniently located on a popular development the property comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility Area, Two First Floor Bedrooms, Bedroom Three/Study, Bathroom, One Second Floor Bedroom with En-Suite, Garage, Driveway, Rear Garden. EPC Rating D  
**GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £70,000**



**Lot 9 Harringworth Court Rushall**  
**Viewing: 27 Sep & 4 Oct at 11.15am**  
Purpose built ground floor flat with double glazing and conveniently located in need of some improvement making an ideal purchase for an investor. The property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Communal Gardens and Garage in separate block. EPC Rating E  
**GUIDE PRICE £35,000 - £45,000**



**Lot 10 Houldey Road Birmingham**  
**No Viewings**  
This traditionally styled end of terrace residence has suffered substantial fire damage to its interior. Situated in a popular residential area the property is in need of complete modernisation and refitting and is therefore subject to cash offers only. We have not carried out an internal inspection as the property is currently boarded up, but we are informed by the vendor that it comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Fore and Rear Gardens.  
**GUIDE PRICE £30,000 - £35,000**



**Lot 11 Truro Road Walsall**  
**Viewing: Strictly through Auctioneer**  
Situated on the popular Park Hall Estate, this detached four bedroom property offers tremendous scope for further improvement but offers well planned accommodation with the benefit of gas central heating and double glazing. Set back from the road behind a driveway affording off street parking, the property comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Guest Cloakroom/Utility Area, Four Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating D  
**GUIDE PRICE £190,000 - £210,000**



**Lot 12 Silverstone Close Bentley**  
**Viewing: Strictly through Auctioneer**  
A delightful, extended and improved detached family home set in a quiet cul-de-sac. Conveniently located the improved property occupies a corner plot and needs to be viewed. The accommodation, which is gas centrally heated and double glazed comprises: Enclosed Porch, Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Extended Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, Garage, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating E  
**GUIDE PRICE £90,000 - £110,000**



**Lot 13 Borneo Street Walsall**  
**Viewing: 27 Sep & 4 Oct at 12.45pm**  
A Victorian mid terraced property situated in a popular residential area in need of modernisation and improvement offering an ideal opportunity for a builder or investor. Conveniently located close to Walsall Town Centre, the property benefits from some double glazing and comprises of the following: Porch, Reception Hall, Front Living Room, Rear Living Room, Kitchen, Lobby, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, W.C., Fore and Rear Garden. EPC Rating F  
**GUIDE PRICE £60,000 - £70,000**



**Lot 14 Tower Road Sutton Coldfield**  
**Viewing: 28 Sep at 3pm & 7 Oct at 5pm**  
This traditional two bedroom semi detached property has been partly improved by the current owners, yet still requires some modernisation and offers great potential to improve. The property comprises: Entrance Hall, Lounge, Dining Kitchen, Rear Lobby, Shower Room, Two Bedrooms, Bathroom, Driveway and Rear Garden. EPC Rating D  
**GUIDE PRICE £100,000 - £120,000**



**Lot 15 Daw End Lane Rushall**  
**No Viewings**  
A traditionally styled Victorian terraced property, conveniently located, benefitting from upvc double glazing. Currently let on a Regulated Tenancy at £350pcm. The property comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Lobby, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Gardens. EPC Rating G.  
**GUIDE PRICE £55,000 - £65,000**



**Lot 16 Calais Road Burton on Trent**  
**Viewing: 27 Sep & 4 Oct 2.45pm**  
A traditionally styled Victorian mid terraced property, conveniently located close to the hospital, that is in need of complete modernisation and improvement. The internal accommodation has not been inspected by the auctioneers as yet, but we are informed that it comprises: Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, Fore and Rear Garden. EPC Rating G.  
**GUIDE PRICE £55,000 - £60,000**



**Lot 17 Ryle Street Blakenall**  
**Viewing: 27 Sep & 4 Oct at 11.45am**  
In need of complete modernisation, this traditionally styled semi detached property is set on a corner plot with off street parking. Ideally suited to the investor/builder market the property comprises: Reception Hall, Lounge, Kitchen (no fittings), Three Bedrooms, Fore, Side and Rear Garden. EPC Rating C  
**GUIDE PRICE £30,000 - £40,000**



**Lot 18 Bristol Road South Birmingham**  
**Viewing: Strictly through Auctioneer**  
The property is a prominent detached Grade II listed landmark building over two storeys, formerly a public house and more recently The Emerald Chinese Restaurant. Lending itself to a number of commercial uses or possible redevelopment (subject to Planning Consents), the property is located on the A38 approximately 4 miles from Birmingham City Centre and covers a site area of approximately one acre and consists of the following: Main Entrance into Restaurant Reception, two seating areas (approx 200 people), display counter, Open Plan Kitchen, W.C.s and further Kitchen Area, Two former large Function Rooms (80 people and 40 people), 4/5 Bedrooms, W.C.s, Large Car Park Facility, Full working Bowling Green with Club House.  
**GUIDE PRICE £400,000 - £500,000**




**Lot 19 Bells Lane Birmingham**  
**Viewing: Strictly through Auctioneer**  
This traditionally styled double fronted detached residence is conveniently located and is in need of moderate modernisation and improvement. With gas fired central heating and uPVC double glazing, the property is set on a good size plot with rear courtyard and outbuildings with lawned garden beyond. The accommodation comprises:- Reception Hall, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Utility, W.C., Two Bedrooms, Further Room giving access to Bathroom, Garage, Courtyard with Carports and Two Storey former stable split into two store rooms and first floor room.  
**GUIDE PRICE £100,000 - £120,000**



# L & S PRESTIGE ESTATES

46 High Road, Lane Head, Willenhall, WV12 4JQ



 <p><b>KEYSMITH CL, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Ground Floor Apartment Comprising Of Communal Entrance Hall, Private Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Allocated Parking And Being Close To Good Schools, Transport Links And Amenities.</p> <p><b>£79,995</b></p>	 <p><b>BENTLEY LANE, WILLENHALL</b> Modern Refurbished Three Bed Three Storey Semi Having Lounge, Stylish Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Two Bedrooms On First Floor With A Further Bedroom To The Second Floor, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating And Landscaped Garden. MUST VIEW.</p> <p><b>Offers over £119,950</b></p>	 <p><b>POOLES LANE, SHORT HEATH</b> Substantial Six Bedroom Detached Property Comprising Of Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Reception Room, Kitchen, Dining Area, Playroom, Ground Floor W.C. Six Bedrooms, Bathroom, Separate Studio/Annexe Potential, Integral Garage, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Carpaved Driveway, Carport, Enclosed Rear Garden.</p> <p><b>£294,995</b></p>	 <p><b>GRENVILLE CLOSE, BENTLEY</b> Well Presented First Floor Flat Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Stairs To First Floor, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Double Bedroom, Bathroom, Electric Heating, D/Glazing, Garage In A Separate Block. Great Buy To Let Investment.</p> <p><b>£54,995</b></p>	 <p><b>WENTBRIDGE ROAD, W'TON</b> One Bed Ground Floor Flat Having Entrance Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Double Bedroom, Family Bathroom, Two Large Storage Areas, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Outside Brick Store, Rear Garden.</p> <p><b>£61,500</b></p>			
 <p><b>GIPSY LANE, WILLENHALL</b> Three Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Close To Willenhall Town Centre Giving You Access To Good Local Amenities, Schools and Transport Links. Great Investment Property.</p> <p><b>£79,995</b></p>	 <p><b>REGENT ST, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Two Bed End Terraced Property Having Two Reception Rooms, Modern Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Cul-De-Sac Location. IDEAL FIRST TIME BUY.</p> <p><b>£82,000</b></p>	 <p><b>DEVON RD, WILLENHALL</b> Immaculately Presented Spacious Two Bed Ground Floor Flat Having Entrance Hall, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Rear Garden &amp; Secure Parking.</p> <p><b>£84,995</b></p>	 <p><b>COLTHAM RD, SHORT HEATH</b> Fully Refurbished Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Having Lounge, Spacious Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility, Ground Floor W.C., Two Double Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing &amp; Gas C/Heating. GREAT FTB</p> <p><b>£89,995</b></p>	 <p><b>SQUIRES GR, N. INVENTION</b> Two Bed Modern First Floor Apartment Having Communal Entrance Hall, Private Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms, Master With En-Suite, Family Bathroom, Electric Heating, UPVC Double Glazing And Allocated Parking.</p> <p><b>£89,995</b></p>	 <p><b>QUEENS LEA, WILLENHALL</b> Two Bed Mid Terraced Property Comprising Of Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Two Double Bedrooms, Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Off Road Parking. The Property Is Located Close To Good Local Schools, Transport Links And Amenities. Great FTB</p> <p><b>£89,995</b></p>	 <p><b>DIBBLE CLOSE, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Three Bed Mid Town House Having Entrance Hall, Lounge, Modern Kitchen Diner, Family Bathroom, Separate W.C., C/Heating, D/Glazing, Parking To The Rear. Ideal FTB Or Buy To Let.</p> <p><b>£94,500</b></p>	 <p><b>DIBBLE CLOSE, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Three Bedroom Mid Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Spacious Kitchen, Lounge, Conservatory, Three Bedrooms, Separate W.C., Modern Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating And Enclosed Rear Garden.</p> <p><b>£95,000</b></p>
 <p><b>BLOXWICH RD, LEAMORE</b> Spacious Two Bed Semi Detached Having Two Reception Rooms, Fitted Kitchen, Two Double Bedrooms With Fitted Wardrobes, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, D/Heating &amp; Off Road Parking.</p> <p><b>£99,995</b></p>	 <p><b>WREXHAM AVE, BENTLEY</b> Well Presented Semi-Detached Property Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Detached Garage, Brick Storage Outbuilding, Front &amp; Rear Gardens, Cul-De-Sac Location.</p> <p><b>£99,995</b></p>	 <p><b>LEVEN DR, COPPICE FARM</b> Well Presented Mid Town House Located On The Popular Coppice Farm Estate Having Lounge, Fitted Kitchen With Integrated Oven &amp; Hob, Two Bedrooms Master With Fitted Wardrobes, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating &amp; Off Road Parking.</p> <p><b>£109,995</b></p>	 <p><b>PINFOLD ST, DARLASTON</b> Victorian Two Bed Semi Having Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Refitted Kitchen/Diner, Ground Floor W.C., Two Double Bedrooms, Modern Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating &amp; Generous Rear Garden.</p> <p><b>£109,995</b></p>	 <p><b>ST CHADS ROAD, BILSTON</b> Extended Two Bed Detached Bungalow, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Dining/Utility Area, Wet Room, C/Heating, Majority D/Glazing, Off Road Parking, Front And Rear Gardens. Ideal Investment. NO CHAIN.</p> <p><b>£112,500</b></p>	 <p><b>HIGH ROAD, WILLENHALL</b> Well Presented Characterful Detached Property Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility, Three Good Sized Bedrooms, Bathroom, Cellar, D/Glazing, C/Heating &amp; Off Road Parking. MUST VIEW.</p> <p><b>£124,995</b></p>	 <p><b>SQUIRES GR, N. INVENTION</b> Modern Three Bed Town House On The Much Sought After Squires Grove Development In New Invention Having Spacious Lounge, Kitchen/En-Suite, Fitted Wardrobes, Family Ground Floor W.C., Master With En-Suite, Fitted Wardrobes, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Enclosed Rear Garden &amp; Driveway.</p> <p><b>£129,995</b></p>	 <p><b>JOHNSON RD, DARLASTON</b> Well Presented Extended Three Bed End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Inner Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Extended Lounge, Three Generous Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Good Sized Front And Rear Gardens With Off Road Parking.</p> <p><b>£132,995</b></p>
 <p><b>OAKRIDGE CL, WILLENHALL</b> Three Bed Detached Property In Need Of Some Updating Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Enclosed Rear Garden And Driveway</p> <p><b>£129,995</b></p>	 <p><b>WILLENHALL RD, W'TON</b> Well Presented, Modern, Three Storey Town House Having Entrance Hallway, Ground Floor W.C., Family Lounge, Spacious Kitchen Diner, Three Double Bedrooms, Two With En-Suite, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Off Road Parking, Rear Garden.</p> <p><b>£134,995</b></p>	 <p><b>HONEYBOURNE WAY, WILLENHALL</b> Three Bed Semi Detached Property Comprising Of Entrance Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Spacious Lounge/Diner, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, Garage, D/Glazing, C/Heating And Off Road Parking. Located Close To Good Local Schools, Amenities And Transport Links.</p> <p><b>£134,995</b></p>	 <p><b>DARVEL RD, WILLENHALL</b> Immaculately Presented Three Bed Link Detached Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Two Reception Rooms, Stylish Fitted Kitchen, Conservatory, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Tandem Garage, Carport, Driveway &amp; Landscaped Gardens. Must View To Appreciate.</p> <p><b>£139,995</b></p>	 <p><b>ENSBURYS CLOSE, WILLENHALL</b> Three Bed Link Detached Property Located In A Quiet Cul-De-Sac, Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Ground Floor W.C., Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Enclosed Garden, Driveway.</p> <p><b>£142,995</b></p>	 <p><b>MANOR FARM DR, W'HALL</b> Extended Four Bed Semi Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Fitted Kitchen, Separate Utility, Ground Floor W.C., Master With En-Suite, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Integral Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden, Accessed Via A Private Driveway.</p> <p><b>£159,995</b></p>	 <p><b>SOMERFORD CL, CHES HAY</b> Well Presented &amp; Spacious Four Bed Semi Having Porch, Spacious Lounge, Lounge, Ground Floor W.C., Kitchen/Diner, Modern Refitted Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage, Store Area &amp; Block Paved Driveway.</p> <p><b>£160,000</b></p>	 <p><b>ABERFORD CL, WILLENHALL</b> Five Bed Semi Detached Having Lounge, Spacious Kitchen, Dining Room, Family Bathroom, Separate Shower Room, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Integral Garage, Front &amp; Rear Gardens, Cul-De-Sac Location.</p> <p><b>£169,995</b></p>
 <p><b>JAMES STREET, WILLENHALL</b> Four Bed Detached Property Having Lounge, Modern Kitchen Diner, Groundfloor W.C., Master With En-Suite, Family Bathroom, Tandem Garage, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Sought After Location.</p> <p><b>£184,995</b></p>	 <p><b>ESSINGTON RD, ESSINGTON</b> Deceptively Spacious, Extended Four Bedroom, Three Storey End Terraced Property Having Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Groundfloor W.C., Extended Breakfast Kitchen/ Diner, Separate Utility, Master With Fitted Wardrobe &amp; Shower, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage &amp; Driveway. MUST VIEW.</p> <p><b>£189,995</b></p>	 <p><b>MILESTONE WAY, COP FARM</b> Three Bed Semi Detached Property Comprising Of Entrance Porch And Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Utility, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Integral Garage, Driveway, Enclosed Rear Garden, Being Close To Good Local Schools, Transport Links And Amenities.</p> <p><b>£139,995</b></p>	 <p><b>FARBROOK WAY, W'HALL</b> Three Bed Semi On The Popular Summer Hayes Estate Having Entrance Hallway, Spacious Lounge, Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Fitted Bathroom, Majority UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Detached Garage, Enclosed Rear Garden &amp; Driveway.</p> <p><b>£124,995</b></p>	 <p><b>MEMORY LANE, DARLASTON</b> Three Bed Semi Detached House Comprising Of Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom With Separate Shower Cubicle, Playroom Currently Being Used As A Fourth Bedroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Driveway, Enclosed Rear Garden.</p> <p><b>£129,995</b></p>	 <p><b>RADSTOCK ROAD, WILLENHALL</b> Three Bedroom Semi Detached Property Comprising Of Entrance Porch, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Room, Breakfast Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Driveway, Private Enclosed Garden. Viewing Highly Recommended!</p> <p><b>£142,500</b></p>	 <p><b>FIBBERSLEY, WILLENHALL</b> Heavily Extended Three/Four Bed Semi Having Two Reception Rooms, Spacious Kitchen/Diner, Separate Utility, Ground Floor W.C., Master Bedroom With Separate Dressing Room/Bed Four, Luxury Bathroom With Jacuzzi Bath &amp; Separate Shower, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Detached Games Room, Driveway.</p> <p><b>Offers over £215,000</b></p>	 <p><b>WOOD LANE CL, SHORT HEATH</b> Superb Three Bedroom Detached Dornier Bungalow Comprising Of Spacious Lounge, Kitchen/Diner, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, Family Bathroom With Jacuzzi Bath &amp; C/Heating, D/Glazing, Rear Garden, Garage &amp; Driveway.</p> <p><b>£240,000</b></p>
 <p><b>LOWER LICHFIELD ST, W'HALL</b> Spacious One bed Self Contained Flat Comprises Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bathroom With Shower, Stairs To Double Bedroom, D/Glazing. Close To Willenhall Town Centre</p> <p><b>£375 PCM</b></p>	 <p><b>BIRCHCOPPICE GDNS, W'HALL</b> Well Presented One Bedroom Ground Floor Flat Comprising Of Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Bedroom With Built In Storage Cupboards, Shower Room, D/Glazing, Private Garden To The Rear. Located In A Quiet Cul De Sac Close To Good Local Amenities And Transport Links.</p> <p><b>£395 PCM</b></p>	 <p><b>DILLOWAYS LN, W'HALL</b> Well Presented First Floor Flat Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Stairs To First Floor, Lounge, Fitted Kitchen, Two Bedrooms, Shower Room, C/Heating, D/Glazing, Off Road Parking And Rear Garden. Viewing Recommended!</p> <p><b>£400 PCM</b></p>	 <p><b>BIRMINGHAM ST, W'HALL</b> Well Presented Three Bed End Of Terrace Property Comprising Of Lounge, Dining Room, Kitchen, Bathroom, Three Bedrooms, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garden. Located Close To Good Local Amenities, Schools And Transport Links, An Ideal Family Home.</p> <p><b>£475 PCM</b></p>	 <p><b>SPROAT AVENUE, DARLASTON</b> Three Bed Property Comprising Of Entrance Hallway, Lounge, Kitchen Diner, Ground Floor Bathroom, Three Well Proportioned Bedrooms, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garden To The Fore And A Large Rear Garden</p> <p><b>£500 PCM</b></p>	 <p><b>HARPER ST, WILLENHALL</b> Modern Four Bed Three Storey Mid Town House Having Entrance Hallway, Fitted Kitchen, Lounge, Ground Floor W.C., Four Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, UPVC D/Glazing, C/Heating, Allocated Parking And Enclosed Rear Garden.</p> <p><b>£550 PCM</b></p>	 <p><b>KEATS ROAD, SHORT HEATH</b> End Town House Comprising Of Entrance Hall, Lounge/Diner, Fitted Kitchen, Rear Hallway, Ground Floor Wetroom, Three Bedrooms, Family Bathroom, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Communal Parking Bays, Enclosed Garden, Covered Side Buildings.</p> <p><b>£525 PCM</b></p>	 <p><b>PINENEEDLE CROFT, W'HALL</b> Immaculately Presented Three Bed Semi Detached Property Having Lounge, Hallway, Lounge, Dining Area, Conservatory, Fitted Kitchen, Three Bedrooms, Shower Room, D/Glazing, C/Heating, Garage, Driveway And Enclosed Rear Garden. BE QUICK FOR THIS ONE!</p> <p><b>£600 PCM</b></p>

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**Walsall  
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**Walsall  
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• Three Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Rear view over Golf Course  
• Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen  
• Potential for further Modernization  
• No Upward chain•Large Garage/Lobby

Offers in excess of £180,000



**Bloxwich  
Linthurst Baytree Court**  
• Four Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Fitted Kitchen•Lounge/Diner  
• Master Bedroom with En-Suite  
• Family Bathroom•Front & Rear Gardens  
• Garage & Off Road Parking

£179,950



**Walsall  
Duchess Road**  
• Four Bedroom Detached  
• Two Reception Rooms•Kitchen  
• Utility•Cloakroom W.C. •En-Suite  
• Family Bathroom•Conservatory  
• Integrated Garage & Off Road Parking

Offers in excess of £177,000



**Willenhall  
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• Four Bedroom Link-Detached  
• Through Lounge/Diner•Kitchen  
• Ground Floor Shower Room  
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• Bathroom•Gardens•Parking & Garage  
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• Four Bedroom Semi-Detached  
• Lounge•Kitchen/Diner  
• Family Bathroom•Gardens  
• D.Glazing & Gas Central Heating  
• Driveway & Off Road Parking•Garage

£150,000



**Willenhall  
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# Motoring

Compiled by Motoring  
Editor Sharon Walters

## Seat set to put new Leon through its paces

LONG-term tests are about living with a car every day, doing all kinds of driving, and exposing the best and the worst of what real buyers will see for themselves. There are many things that a few hours behind the wheel on a new car launch just can't tell you.

Seat has put a lot of investment into the new Leon in an attempt to cut the gap on the perennial sales bonanza enjoyed by its sister car, the Volkswagen Golf.

While the Golf has become ever more straight-line sensible in its styling though, the Leon has brought together a stunning combination of curves, angles and overall poise to create something that looks much more interesting. The question is: do its real-world talents match up?

This is what I'm aiming to find out by taking delivery of a just run-in five-door Leon for the next six months. I've picked the mid-range SE model, which has a lot of little touches over and above the base S grade version, but is a healthy amount cheaper than the body-kitted and more ostentatious FR. I've also chosen a petrol engine, in light of the incredible work the Volkswagen Group has done to improve the drivability and efficiency of its unleaded-drinking powerplants.

Pages upon pages have been written about the 104bhp 1.2-litre TSI turbocharged petrol and it's fairly well known as a great unit. In light of that, I've opted for its big brother, the 138bhp 1.4 TSI. It's going to be interesting to



The new Seat Leon, a stunning combination curves, angles and overall poise

see whether it can justify the extra £1,050 over the 1.2. They share a road tax band but the 1.2 is four insurance groups lower and allegedly 3mpg more frugal, so I'll be aiming to see whether the higher performance from the 1.4 is worth it.

In terms of options, OU13 YBM has got only the key ones Seat reckons will be most popular with buyers. Chief among them is the Technology Pack, which brings with it full LED headlights – a first for any C-segment car – along with DAB radio and sat-nav courtesy of a good-sized colour screen mounted reasonably high

up on the dashboard. Initially Seat dropped the pack's near-£1,100 price to £500, but further down the line it became, amazingly, free of charge.

### Technology

The headlights are a big deal for Seat and the market in general and after much deal-making within the VW Group, the Leon has secured first rights to the new technology, even ahead of the Golf and Audi A3.

The idea behind LED headlights is not just that they use much less energy than traditional bulbs or high-intensity xenon lamps; the light



Seat has put a lot of investment into the new Leon in a bid to boost sales

the special LEDs create is closer in colour to natural daylight than any alternatives, allegedly making it easier for the human eye to distinguish contrast and movement within the beam. As the nights draw in later this year, I'll have the perfect opportunity to test the theory.

On top of the Technology Pack there are 17in alloy wheels, which certainly fill the wheel arches more convincingly but could also be more exposed to damage from kerbs. I'll look into this and see whether the move was a wise one or not.

Other than that, the car is standard, so with

the Golf lined up as a significantly more expensive option and the Skoda Octavia perhaps being bigger than some people want or need, the time has come for the Leon to prove itself within the VW Group. I'm going to pile the miles on it, encompassing driving at every time of day and night, motorway trips, urban scratching, Sunday afternoon blasts and of course the weekly shop. My partner, Laura, will also be driving it, and since most family cars are shared between parents, her opinion will be invaluable. It's game on, Leon, so let's see what you're made of.

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# New Civic delivers on promise of top mileage

**HONDA has fitted 'magic seats' to its new Civic but you will find the real box of tricks under its bonnet.**

Scan down the spec sheet and one figure jumps out – incredible mileage claims of 78.5 per gallon could sell a car in its own right.

The 1.6-litre engine, which is built in Swindon, is aimed purely at the European market and the hunger for low CO2 and high mpg figures. In its publicity pack Honda boasts that the new engine can get you from London to Paris and back twice on just one tank.

I didn't test that 863-mile distance but the fuel needle refused to budge on my weekly commute and only really started moving on a trip up North.

The engine not only saves you a huge amount of cash on the forecourt, but also on road tax and congestion charge where applicable.

With all the focus on the engine it's easy to forget that the Civic also performs well, looks good and is brilliantly equipped. Some eco-model cars feel sluggish and uninspiring to drive, but there is a good combination of acceleration and mid-range pull behind the wheel.

It's quite a big car to drive, but is still an agile performer with a smooth ride.

It's also an attractive looking car with the five-door family sized model looking like it belongs on a catwalk rather than a car park.

## Float

The wrap-around glass on the front, from days of old, has gone and the mid-window mounted rear lights now jut out from the window and appear to float in the air.

It still looks low to the ground and athletic with concealed rear door handles, shark-fin antenna and 16in alloy wheels.

On the inside the car has been laid out like the cockpit of a fighter jet. The instruments are wrapped around the driver and are all easily accessible and easy to use.

The six-speed gear stick sits quite high in the central well below a clever touch-screen system that houses an easy-to-use satnav, DAB radio and premium audio system.

All models have an Idle Stop button that can be

**By Bill McCarthy**

switched on and off. Base models come in at under £20,000 and include LED daytime running lights, climate control, CD and heated wing mirrors to name a few.

The mid-range ES model adds cruise control, a rear view reversing camera, Bluetooth hands-free and an ultrasonic alarm.

The EX tested had HDD navigation, premium sound system with sub-woofer, parking sensors and heated leather seats.

Honda says it has worked hard to limit the noise inside the car, but the wind noise at motorway speeds was probably my only bug bear on this car, and that was a hard one to find.

The boot is the biggest in its class and there is loads of head and legroom for driver and passengers.

Not content with innovations in clever radar safety systems and engine turbochargers, Honda has even waved the wand with the seats.

They are billed as 'magic' and lift up, fold over and lock down in one easy movement for a quick 60/40 split.

But even when somebody is sat in them there are huge spaces underneath the bases to store bulky items and there is the chance to slide through to the boot space.

In the safety stakes the Civic has been rated as one of Europe's safest cars by NCAP.

Honda is still a trailblazer in innovation and is always trying to improve fuel efficiency, performance and safety.

The launch of this clever car with smart engine is a shot across the bows of competitors like VW, Ford and Audi who may have to find a little bit of magical inspiration themselves.



The new Civic. Honda claims a fuel consumption figure of 78.5mpg



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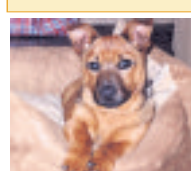
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## Promoted side fight back from goal down

**Trafford 3**  
**Rushall Olympic 1**  
THE PICS' seven game unbeaten run came to an end on Saturday when newly promoted Trafford hit back from a goal down.  
Chris Gemmell was injured in training on Thursday so Lewis Solly returned to the starting line up and it was the visitors who got off to a great start when midfielder Josh Craddock put the Pics ahead on five minutes, firing home a free-kick.  
Moments later Dele Adebola appeared to have been tripped in the area but the referee waved play on.

**Level**  
Gradually the home side began to play themselves back in the game and were level two minutes before the break when a cross from Shelton Paine was turned home by Michael Oates.  
Four minutes into the second half though the home side were ahead as Paine's ball to the far post was turned in by Paul Ashton and he added his second on the hour.  
The Pics travelled to Barwell for a league game on Tuesday night and on Saturday take a break from league to travel to Skirll North side Gainsborough Trinity for an second qualifying round FA Cup tie.

## Pics miss chance to go second

**Rushall Olympic 1**  
**Nantwich Town 1**  
RUSHALL Olympic missed a golden opportunity to move up into second place, in the Evo-Stik Premier Division, when they were held to a disappointing 1-1 draw by Nantwich Town last Wednesday evening.  
The draw extended the Pics unbeaten run to seven games but they will see this as two points wasted.  
On a frustrating night at Dales Lane, the home side made a bright start and were almost ahead in the opening minute, but Terry Smith produced a good diving save to tip Ahmed Obeng's effort over the bar.  
Little had been seen of the home side but on the half hour Pics keeper Chris Gemmell was forced into a smart stop to keep out a volley from Tom Moore.  
Four minutes into the second half the visitors went ahead when Aaron Burns was given too much time and space and he hammered a left foot shot past Gemmell.  
The home side got back into the game in the 61st minute through Josh Craddock who hit a half-volley in to the top corner from the edge of the box.

## School pupils on right track

SCHOOLS from Walsall competed in a series of athletic events mirroring the London 2012 Olympic Games.  
Nineteen secondary schools took part in 19 track and field events at the Alexander Stadium in Perry Barr last Wednesday for the Walsall Schools' Athletics championships.  
The Mayor Mohammed Nazir, along with Madeleine Holland, presented medals throughout the day, which celebrated the 10th year of Joseph Leckie Academy organising the event.

# Hearts are broken by last-gasp strike

**Walsall Wood 3 AFC Wulfrunians 4 (After Extra Time) FA Cup 1st Qualifying Round Replay.**

A GOAL literally seconds from the end of extra time was all that separated the teams after two hours of drama at Oak Park.

Thomas Piggott fired Wulfs into the next round and a trip to Stamford on Saturday, but Wood who had been down to 10 men from the 71st minute had battled heroically to keep the tie alive.

In fact they could have scored just before the end of 90 minutes when Ahmet Bilgimer's chip fell agonisingly wide.

Wulfs had slightly the better of

the early exchanges, then on nine minutes a rash challenge on the right of centre just outside the box was punished by a pinpoint free kick into the bottom right hand corner by Jake Sedgemore.

Wood levelled on 26 minutes. Currithers was fouled wide left and the free kick from Harry Harris was spilled by under pressure keeper Daniel Tipton. Lewis Taylor Boyce heading home the loose ball.

Three minutes later a through ball from Taylor Boyce put Ahmet Bilgimer racing through the centre of the Wulfs defence and he kept his composure to put Wood ahead

### Walsall Wood

for the first time in the tie. The last goalmouth action of the half saw a Jamie Hawkins crossfield ball find Taylor Boyce who came inside, went through two tackles before firing wide.

Wulfs were first to threaten in the second half and on 59 minutes they duly drew level.

A ball over the top saw Scott Cooper lose his footing, leaving Gregg clear to run on and score past the advancing Wiggins.

On 67 minutes a right wing free kick from Sedgemore was pushed round his left hand post by Wiggins

at full stretch. It got worse for Wood four minutes later as Cooper was robbed by Gregg just outside the box, the defender's desperate lunge bringing down the striker right on the edge. After a discussion with his assistant the referee pointed to the spot and brandished a red card to Cooper.

Up stepped Sedgemore to calmly slot home the penalty. It could have been all over on 73 minutes, substitute Jake Webb racing clear on the right before laying the ball into the path of Piggott whose angled first time effort bounced to safety off the far angle.

Wood went looking for the

equaliser and it came in the 85th minutes, as Harris powered home from a Currithers cross.

There weren't too many chances in extra time, but with everyone looking at the clock a last punt into the box saw Piggott take control and fire into the roof of the net and break Wood's hearts.

There was just time for the restart before the final whistle, of a game neither side deserved to lose.

It's now five hours of football between the sides with Wulfs now 7-6 ahead or the next scheduled game between the sides on March 8 next year.

## Eight tries as league campaign off to flier

**Aldridge 54 Whittington 0**  
ALDRIDGE Rugby Club got their league campaign off to a cracking start with this comprehensive victory.

The initial skirmishes appeared even but after 12 minutes, a try from Aldridge winger Dan McKenna started the scoreboard ticking over.

On 20 minutes, a back row move initiated by No8 Chris Balmforth, put flanker Alex Holding in the clear and over between the posts and in the final five minutes of the half two fine pieces of individual running produced tries respectively for centre Louis Durant and Reed, who clinched the bonus try right at the break.

### Effort

Twenty eight points adrift, the Whittington challenge was now effectively over and their plight wasn't helped by a mounting injury count.

Twelve minutes after the break and Aldridge's fifth try was provided by flanker Russ Hamilton and a similar individualistic effort produced a second score for Reed.

Substitute No8, Ashley Shingler crossed before Durant grabbed his second try right at the end.

Full back Alex Yates also had a go - converting seven of the eight tries scored.

## No case to answer for the defence

**Willenhall Town 0**  
**Racing Club Warwick 7**  
WILLENHALL produced a shocking defensive performance as their visitors walked away with seven goals.

With a long injury list the Lockmen could at least welcome back Tom Clews in defence, though on three minutes he failed to cut out a cross from the right and Langmead helped himself to the first of his four goals.

The Lockmen forced a couple of corners after the visitors had hit the bar, but on 26 minutes it was 2-0 as James Dyke found the net.

It was 3-0 on 34 minutes when Langmead was left unmarked again.

Keeper Josh Woodhouse had no chance on 42 minutes when Langmead was played into the box unmarked and scored at the second attempt for his hat-trick.

Three goals around the hour mark settled the tie, Langmead grabbed his fourth, a superb volley on the turn by former Red Terry Morton on 58 minutes made it six and the final goal arrived on 62 minutes from Cianan Houston.

The Lockmen have a free Saturday before visiting Bewdley Town on Tuesday, October 1, kick off 7.45pm.

## Morris hits Villa winner

**Pelsall Villa 1**  
**Sporting Khalsa 0**  
THE Villains made further progress in the FA Vase with a 1-0 victory over local rivals, Sporting Khalsa thanks to a great strike from Carl Morris.

"It was a good, professional performance," said manager, Craig Timmins. "We looked solid and well-organised and it didn't feel as though we were going to concede."

"We now look forward to making further progress." Villa now travel to Coventry Sphinx on October 19

# Blues old boy steps off bench to change game

**Walsall Wood 1 Loughborough University 2**  
ANOTHER odd goal defeat for Wood with former Birmingham and Alvechurch player Tristan Dunkley coming of the bench to change the game from his 52nd minute introduction.

He won the 76th minute penalty equaliser before a superb run and finish saw him hit the winner eight minutes later.

Loughborough keeper Brendan Hazlett had looked suspect under pressure and on 16 minutes he rolled the ball out of the box to his full back, who was caught in possession by Lewis Taylor Boyce. His measured ball inside to Harry Harris saw him sidestep a desperate challenge and calmly fire a cross shot into the far corner to put Wood ahead.

### Deflected

With 26 minutes gone Taylor Boyce won the ball wide left, went through two tackles and found Ahmet Bilgimer, whose cheeky chip beat the keeper but bounced behind off the top of the bar.

Five minutes later Jack Emmett intercepted an attempted Wood clearance, and cut into the left of the box. His low drive deflected off Wood skipper Lee Stretton and keeper Mark Wiggins had to change direction to make a full length save.

A minute later Alan Webb raced into the right of the box, Cooper to the rescue with a great last ditch challenge. Seven minutes into the second half, Wiggins was wrong-footed but managed to take the sting out of a cross-shot from Webb and

### Walsall Wood

Andre Gonzales calmly cleared off the line.

Samson Alalade put a header wide from a right wing free kick on 70 minutes before three minutes later he turned provider releasing Taylor Boyce into the right of the box to fire a cross shot just wide. A minute later Stretton went racing down the Wood left, his cross cut shot slapped from under his bar by Hazlett.

It proved a turning point as on 76 minutes Dunkley raced onto a measured ball and into the left of the box, Scott Cooper mistimed his challenge and the referee pointed to the spot. Kieran Kenlock calmly despatching the penalty to equalise.

The goal knocked the heart out of Wood. They threatened on 83 minutes but Hazlett held on to Taylor Boyce's effort.

Only a minute later, Dunkley picked the ball up wide on the left, showing good close control and cut inside, evading a tackle and firing into the roof of the net.

Wood were facing Continental Star in the League Cup on Tuesday night before visiting Stourport Swifts on Saturday.

## Players beat hosts to net tournament win



BARR Beacon Netball Club took a squad of 10 to the two-day Nottingham City Netball Tournament and the girls were victorious in the under-14 plate tournament after beating Nottingham City 11-2 in their final match. Pictured, from left, are Montana White, Grace Wilde, Chloe Harrison, Mia Linehan, Tracey Green (coach), Nikki Green, Francesca Jackson, Lauren Bates and Becky Saxon

# That's the spirit as skipper leads the way



Skipper Andy Butler celebrates

SADDLERS boss Dean Smith paid tribute to derby hero Andy Butler and claimed his captain epitomises Walsall's superb spirit.

Butler netted the only goal against Wolves to claim his side's first win at Molineux for more than 14 years.

The 29-year-old has flourished under Smith's tutelage since being made skipper two-and-a-half years ago and the manager admitted there was no more fitting player to bag the winner on a memorable night for the club.

And he believes Butler is just one of several leaders he can call on, both on the pitch and in the dressing room.

"Since I have been in charge he has been my captain and he has been fantastic out there for Walsall," he said.

"He has developed. He is one

of those players you look at and he wants to get better and keep developing.

"Andy was 27 or 28 when I took over and it just goes to show you are never too old to learn."

"He leads by example but there are a number of them out there who do as well, the Chambers brothers are another two like that."

### Winner

"You've got Dean Holden who is not even in the 18 at the moment but he has sat in the stands and come down at half-time to discuss what he's seen."

"It just shows the spirit we have got here."

Butler, the first Walsall player to net a winner at Wolves since Andy Rammell in 1999, was quick to hail the Saddlers stars for what he

described as a superb team performance. He said: "You can't ask for more than a 1-0 win and a goal but it came from every single player working hard, including the lads who were on the bench."

"We didn't come here and sit back and soak it up, we went at it from the first minute and I think we dominated the game towards the end."

"We have shown what we can do when we put our minds to it. No-one shirked a challenge."

Opposite number Sam Ricketts apologised to Wolves fans after Kenny Jackett's side suffered their first defeat of the season after seven games.

"We're hurting just as much as they are - it's a blow because you never want to get beaten," said the Wales international.



Dejected Bjorn Sigurdarson



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## Defeat is heaviest in more than 70 games

**Hereford 45 Walsall 0**  
WALSALL Rugby Club suffered their heaviest defeat for more than 70 games in Midlands One West as Hereford ran in seven tries at the Wayside.

This was far from a one-sided contest as the visitors enjoyed most of the possession and territorial advantage, particularly during a first half which saw Walsall camped inside their opponents' 22 for long periods.

The hosts defended well and were far more effective in using their hard won possession. They crossed for their first try after just three minutes but then had to defend, heroically at times, for the next quarter. It was late in the half before Hereford got their next score and Waters went over to complete the first half scoring.

Hereford had the crucial early scores in the second half adding two tries to lead 26-0. They added a try as a result of a prolonged drive from a lineup. But their final two scores both came as a result of Walsall attacks breaking down.

Kenilworth visit Delves Road on Saturday.

Walsall 2nds were forced to field an inexperienced team on their visit to Hereford and were well beaten, 72-0.

Walsall thirds lost 35-15 to Handsworth seconds and the Colts went down 15-12 to Evvesham.

Wednesbury were beaten 42-14 at home to Eccleshall.

## Injury ends it for Taylor

**ULTIMATE** Fighting Championship has confirmed that UK lightweight Paul 'Relentless' Taylor is retiring due to injury.

Taylor, who has an MMA record of 11-6-1, was due to take on Anthony Njokuani at UFC Manchester 2013 in October, but injury forced him to withdraw from the bout.

Taylor, originally from Walsall, but who also trained in Liverpool, has not fought since February 2011, where he defeated Gabe Ruediger via KO at UFC 126.

Winning Fight of the Night bonuses on three occasions, Taylor was known for his exciting striking style and was a very popular fighter among UFC fans.

Taylor made his UFC debut in 2007 in Manchester at UFC 70 where he defeated Edilberto Crocota via TKO in a welterweight bout. He moved to the lightweight division in 2010.

## Boxing legend Holyfield in Second City date



Boxing legend Evander Holyfield in Cannock with Bar Sport owner Scott Murray

BOXING legend Evander Holyfield will be back in the West Midlands at the start of next month as the feature attraction of a sportsman's dinner in the heart of Birmingham.

The former undisputed world heavyweight champion will be at the Second City's Holiday Inn Hotel on Smallbrook Queensway on Wednesday night, October 2.

Earlier this month he kicked off his UK tour with a date at Bar Sport, in Cannock. 'The Real Deal' was one of the most recognisable fighters of his era, turning pro at 21 after winning a bronze medal at the 1984 Olympic Games. He knocked out

### Boxing

Mike Tyson's conqueror, James 'Buster' Douglas, to take all the heavyweight belts for the first time in 1990 but retired after being defeated for the titles by Michael Moorer in 1994.

He returned and engaged in two big battles with Tyson, taking the WBA crown by stoppage in 1996 and then winning by disqualification a year later, after famously having part of his ear bitten off.

He drew with Lennox Lewis in 1999 but lost a rematch eight months later, before becoming the only boxer to win a version

of the heavyweight title four times in 2000, against John Ruiz. The 50-year-old hasn't retired yet, either, last halting Dane Brian Nielsen in the 10th round in May 2011 although he hasn't competed since.

Before the evening show, Holyfield and Brummie former British middleweight champion Wayne Elcock will be visiting Birmingham Children's Hospital at 1pm to hand out presents to the patients.

Tickets to the dinner are £50, £100 and £150 - which includes a three-course meal - with prices rising for back, middle and front tier seating.

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## Excellent season is celebrated

RUSHALL CC celebrated their excellent season with the presentation evening last Saturday night.

After the First XI's championship ship win, everybody was in good spirits.

The main awards for the night went to Andy Clayton, who celebrated his own half century this season by winning both the 1st XI batting award, and the 1st XI Players' Player. Alan Dunn picked up the 1st XI bowling award with his 43 wickets this season.

For the 2nd XI, Daz Stacy collected the Players' Player and batting award, with Matt Jones collection the bowling award.

For the Sunday XI, Scott Peach followed suit by also winning the Players' Player and batting award.

As part of the Rushall resurgence, the youth of the club was represented by Lewis Portsmouth, who picked Jack Clayton to take the Young Player of the Season.

In the most hotly contested category Andy Callaghan just pipped several other contenders to take 'Duck of the Season', with his four no scores.

## Hockey squad continues form

**Bloxwich 5 Atherstone 1**  
BLOXWICH Mens Hockey First XI continued their strong pre-season campaign with a comfortable win over a strong Atherstone side.

Bloxwich went down early on but Matt Baldwin brought the game back level.

Dan Mazurek and Adam Baldwin linked up well to score some excellent team goals with Lee Hale being a catalyst to a lot of the superb team passing. Eddie Marrocco hammered home the final goal.

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# SMITH IS MAKING SENSE AT SADDLERS

**Walsall 1 Rotherham United 1**  
DEAN Smith may have been accused of "talking like an idiot" but everything he does at Walsall continues to make good sense for the Saddlers.

On the surface, a point against Rotherham at The Banks's Stadium was an underwhelming follow-up after the euphoria of his team's Molineux triumph a few nights earlier.

But in the context of a week which reaped seven points for his team from three very demanding, but very different, League One contests, Smith knows his side have plugged themselves back into the form he demands.

Rotherham boss Steve Evans was furious his team were not awarded a second-half penalty when Andy Butler appeared to charge into Daniel Nardiello as he bore down on goal.

### Flashpoint

Smith was equally adamant after studying play-backs of the incident that referee Stuart Attwell was right not to call it.

"It was no penalty. I have seen it again," he said.

"In that case, he's talking like an idiot," barked Evans about the home view of the 61st-minute flashpoint.

Walsall's week began with Smith's team out-performing those devotees of the passing game, Crewe, at Gresty Road before their impressively-executed, organised and possession-based triumph over Wolves.

But on Saturday, Rotherham brought to The Banks's a bit of the old bump and grind and the Saddlers had to steel themselves to withstand the uncompromising challenge. Smith pulled two

### By Martin Swain

of his Tuesday night heroes, Craig Westcarr and Ashley Hennings, out of the firing line in recognition of their enormous labours on the flanks at Molineux and gave Romaine Sawyers and James Baxendale, who has been an eye-catching hit as an impact substitute this season, a starting chance.

For the opening half-hour Walsall struggled to prise even a yard of space from high-pressing opponents. Only on falling behind after 21 minutes, to a well-placed header from Nardiello, did the home side finally begin to establish any control.

It brought them a swift equaliser from Sam Mantom, dispatched with the help of a deflection.

But generally, the impression was of a Saddlers team handling but never quite overcoming opponents who refused to yield an inch under the relentless barking of Evans' vociferous coach Paul Rayner.

Walsall did establish more of a presence "up top" when Westcarr and Milan Lalkovic were introduced just after the hour.

But although the threat of a Walsall winner duly gathered a little more momentum, it was still Richard O'Donnell who had to make the most important save.

## Darts ace arrows in on pub's exhibition event



Scott Waites, centre, with the Lakeside trophy with Jamie Caven and Jason Evans of Darlaston

WORLD darts champion Scott Waites returned to Wolverhampton for an exhibition at a city pub.

The reigning British Darts Organisation title holder was the feature attraction alongside Professional Darts Corporation pro Jamie Caven as 210 enthusiasts packed into The Cleveland Arms with some punters playing alongside the stars, before

they went to head-to-head. Adie Mason, match marker in the PDC and a Master of Ceremonies on the exhibition circuit, called the action throughout the evening.

Waites, whose parents live in Telford, regularly competes in the Grand Slam at Wolverhampton Civic Hall and lost in the 2009 final before going one better a year later. Waites,

who beat Caven 5-3 on the night, said: "Wolverhampton has always been good to me. I have been at the Cleveland for an exhibition two years in a row now and it's always fun."

Cleveland bar manager William Adamson said: "We try to put on as many events as we can."

The night raised funds for the Poppy Appeal.

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